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I. M. SHIELDS,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 4th October, 1898.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

DEPARTURES FOR EUROPE WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT BRINDISI AND MALTA.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	SATURDAY, 2 P.M.
* SHANNON	4362	F. Cole	24th Dec.
M.L. CARTHAGE	5198	C. Gadd	31st "
			1899.
* CLYDE	4099	C. T. Denny	7th Jan.
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	14th "
* SHANNON	4362	F. Cole	21st "
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	28th "
* CLYDE	4099	C. T. Denny	4th Feb
M.L. SHANNON	4362	F. Cole	11th "
* EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	18th "
M.L. PENINSULAR	5387	W. Wheler	25th "
* CLYDE	4099	C. T. Denny	4th Mar
M.L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	11th "
* CARTHAGE	5198	C. Gadd	18th "
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	25th "
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H Gordon	1st April
M.L. CARTHAGE	5198	C. Gadd	8th "
* CLYDE	4099	C. T. Denny	15th "
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	22nd "
* SHANNON	4362	F. Cole	29th "
M.L. PENINSULAR	5387	W. Wheler	6th May.
* CLYDE	4099	C. T. Denny	13th "
M.L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	20th "
* SHANNON	4362	F. Cole	27th "

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Bombay, 15th November, 1898.

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UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

ACCELERATED SERVICE TO TRIESTE, *VIA* ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To Sail on
IMPERATRIX	G. Nicolich	4,212	1st Jan. 1899.
SEMIRAMIS	....	4,017	1st Feb. 1899.
IMPERATRIX	G. Nicolich	4,212	1st Mar. 1899.
IMPERATOR	....	4,139	1st April 1899.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE or VENICE	Rs. 600	Rs. 325	Rs. 150

Steamers for BOMBAY leave TRIESTE on the 3rd, and BRINDISI on the 4th of each month.

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Steamers.	Captain.	Tons.	To Sail on or about
MARQUIS BACQUEHEM	G. Wallasching	4,765	12th Jan. 1899.
VINDOBONA	C. Bellen	4,351	12th Feb. 1899.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To Sail on or about
TRIESTE	A. Mills	5,695	21st Jan.

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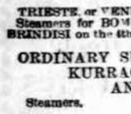

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FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. "MERCARA," 3,099 tons, on or about 29th December.

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ERNEST SIMONS	5,707	deMaubeuge	17th Jan, 1899
INDUS	6,000	Chevallier	14th Feb. 1899
TONKIN	6,000	Vaquier	14th Mar. 1899
CALEDONIEN	4,232	Durrande	11th Apr. 1899
VARRA	4,255	X	9th May, 1899
SALAZIE	4,255	Negre	6th June 1899

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E. SCARPA, Agent.

SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 275 OF 1896.

LUDHA KARA, of Bombay Hindoo Inhabitant, residing at Kalbadevi Road, outside the Fort ..... Plaintiff.

vs.

GOVARDHANDAS WALJI of Bombay Hindoo inhabitant, residing at Withalwady Cross Lane aforesaid, and Luxmibai and Maneckbai, widows and administratrices of RUTTONSEY NURSEY of Bombay, Hindoo inhabitants, residing at Mody Bay, without the Fort ..... Defendants.

WHEREAS by a consent decree made in the above suit on the 23rd day of November 1897, it was interalia ordered that the Defendants should within six months from the 17th day of June 1897, pay to the Plaintiff Rs. 5,000 as damages in respect of his claim and Rs. 1,000 for his costs of and incidental to the said suit.

And whereas by a Warrant of Sale, dated the 10th day of October 1898, the Sheriff of Bombay was directed to SELL all the right, title and interest of the Defendants Govardhandas Walji, Luxmibai and Maneckbai in the lands and premises in the said Warrant mentioned, that is to say:—All that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 350 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's old No. 761 Collectorate New No. 3,464 old Survey No. 198, New Survey No. 1,470, together with the messuage tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon assessed in the Books of the Municipality under old No. 117, and which said messuage and hereditaments were formerly and are now in the possession and occupation of Govardhandas Valji and stenants and are situated on the West side of Vithulwady Street in the Island of Bombay in the Registration Subdistrict of Bombay and bounded on the North by the property of Ladhoo Kara on the South by the property of Soonderji on the West by the property of Dawoodbhoy Moosabhoy and Dharamsey Purshotum and on the East by the said Vithulwady Street.

Now it is hereby proclaimed and notified that on Wednesday the 25th day of January 1899, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Sheriff of Bombay will under and by virtue of the said warrant of sale put up for sale by public auction on the premises to the highest bidder and without reserve the right, title and interest of the said Defendants Govardhandas Walji, Luxmibai and Maneckbai in the said lands and premises or in so much thereof as may be necessary for the satisfaction of the said Decree, costs of previous execution and of the said warrant of sale.

Intimation is given that the Court does not warrant the correctness of the above description of the premises nor the title of the said Defendants Govardhandas Walji, Luxmibai and Maneckbai to the same or to any interest therein.

Should the said Defendants Govardhandas Walji, Luxmibai and Maneckbai have no saleable interest whatever in the lot to be sold in accordance with this proclamation any sum paid by the purchaser by way of full or part payment for the same will be repayable to the purchaser.

The abovementioned plaintiff has not obtained permission to bid at the sale.

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For further information and conditions of sale application should be made at the office of the Sheriff.—Dated this 21st day of December, 1898.

GEORGE ALFRED BARNETT,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Messrs. MANSUKHLAL DAMODHAR and JAMSETJI, ATTORNEYS for the plaintiff.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 76 OF 1893.

BAI DAHI alias NANIVAHU ..... Plaintiff.

vs.

HURGOWANDAS JIVANDAS and another ... Defendants.

PURSUANT to the decree made in the above suit and bearing date the 2 th day of January 1891, the following immoveable property will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his office, in the Court-house, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of January, 1899, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

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Tenders should be sent into this office, with deposit, addressed to the President, by noon, on the 16th of January, 1899.

The allotment should be fully paid up on or before the 15th February, 1899.

MD. H. HUSAIN,
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Revenue Department, Municipal Office, Madras, 21st November, 1898.

THE OOTACAMUND HIGH SCHOOL.

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NOTICE.

PURSUANT to Act XXVIII of 1866 of the Legislative Council of India entitled. The Trustees and Mortgagees Powers Act, 1866. Notice is hereby given that all persons being creditors of or otherwise having any claims upon or against the estate of THOMAS MURTAGH, late of No. 15, Sackville Road, Hove in the country of Sussex England, a Surgeon Lieutenant Colonel (formerly a Surgeon Major) in Her Maj sty's Army Medical Department, Europ an, deceased (who died at No. 15 Sackville Road Hove Sussex aforesaid on or about the 19th day of March, 1898 and letters of administration with a copy of his Will thereto annexed of whose property and credits were on the 15th day of December, 1898, granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, to ROBERT WILLIAM LAYARD and UNDERWOOD two of the constituted Attorneys of EMILY MURTAGH the Executrix named in the said Will for her use and benefit and limited until she should obtained Probate to be granted to her to have effect throughout the whole of British India are required to send to the Undersigned Solicitors for such administrator on his behalf at their office No. 30, Esplanade Road, Treacher's Buildings, within the Fort of Bombay, in writing their names and addresses and the particulars of their claims upon or against the estate of the said deceased so as to reach the said office on or before the 1st day of February, 1899, as after that date the said administrator will pay or remit the assets of the said deceased thereof in his hand to the said Emily Murtagh as the person thereto entitled or will otherwise proceed to administer the said assets having regard only to the claims of which the said administrator shall then have notice as aforesaid and no claims sent in subsequently will be recognised,—Dated the 12th, day of December, 1898.

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Municipal Corporation, 3 p.m.

Lord Sandhurst's Garden party, Ladies' Gymkhana 4-30 p.m.

Meet, Bombay Hunt, Parla.

St. Xavier's College lecture on, An English Novel of the Right Sort, 6 p.m.

Result of University Examination, B.A. and First LL.B.

Tivoli Theatre, Black and White Entertainment, 9-15 p.m.

Simon's Grand Museum, Boree Bunder.

POLO.—There will be no game on Thursday 22nd and Tuesday 27th.

LECTURE.—Lecture on "An English Novel of the Right Sort" by the Rev. W. Wallrath, S.J., in the Hall of St. Xavier's College, to-day, at 6 p. m.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Colombo, the Straits, China, and Japan, per extra s.s. Gisela, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 2 p.m., to-day.

ABSCONDING REFORMATORY BOY.—Nowlas Luximon, aged sixteen years, an inmate of the Reformatory, employed at the Raghowji Jadowji Mill, Foras Road, absconded from the latter place yesterday.

FIRE AT KAMATIPOORA.—Early yesterday morning, a fire broke out in a house belonging to one Maloo Luximon at 8th Lane, Kamatipoora, and occupied by Ramaya Kasoti and another Hindu. The fire originated in a quantity of bidee leaves stored on the first floor, through the careless use of a naked kerosine oil lamp. The fire-brigade steamers from Babulla Tank and Sankli Tank promptly appeared on the scene, and extinguished the flames, but not before Rs. 1,000 damage to the house had been done, and the tenants suffered to the extent of Rs. 20.

RUNAWAY HORSE.—Last evening an Arab horse belonging to Mr. K. R. Vacha, Civil Engineer, residing at Gowalia Tank Road, was standing in the compound and the coachman, Shiva Lalla, was about to place the carriage in the stable, when suddenly the animal took fright and bolted out of the compound down the Gowalia Tank Road, and thence towards Gamdavi Road. Here the animal knocked a Parsee gentleman, named Mr. K. C. Lalkaka off his bicycle, slightly injuring him and damaging his machine. The runaway afterwards crashed into a victoria, containing three young ladies. The carriage was considerably damaged, and its occupants slightly injured. The horse which was worth Rs. 1,000, was so badly injured, that he had to be destroyed.

THEFT BY A SERVANT.—Before Mr. W. Webb Acting Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Manecklal Davidas alias Rambhow Keshew, lately a servant in the employ of Khan Bahadur Dhunjishaw Hormusji Karaka of French Road, Mazagon, was charged on remand with the theft of a gold watch and chain, value Rs. 400, the property of his master. The accused was employed as a hamal, and absconded from his master's bungalow on the 15th instant, taking with him the watch and chain. A report was made to the police, and on the 19th December, a watchman in the employ of complainant noticed accused passing along the road, and had him handed over to his master. The watch and chain were recovered. Accused pleaded guilty to the charge, and also admitted one previous conviction. He was sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment.

INFRINGEMENT OF THE OPIUM ACT.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, acting third presidency Magistrate, Inspector Ghandhi of the Opium Department, charged Chandoo Peeroo, with having in his possession 62 tolas of opium without a license, and Dina Khodabux, a labourer in the Government Opium warehouse, with selling the same. Mr. Rustim P. Jehangir, Assistant Collector, conducted the prosecution. It appeared that on Thursday last, both the accused were arrested on suspicion of their being in illegal possession of opium, and on inquiry it was found that the second accused had kept the stolen opium with the first defendant's knowledge and the latter sold it to one Ablooby, the informer in the case. The magistrate convicted and fined the first accused Rs. 50, or in default sentenced him to two months' rigorous imprisonment. The second accused was fined Rs. 30, or in default one month's rigorous imprisonment. His worship ordered Rs. 40 to be paid to the informer out of the fine, if recovered.

SINGULAR DEFENCE.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday morning, Inspector Barnett charged Pedareth Shriram, a Purdesee, before Mr. W. Webb, Acting second Presidency Magistrate, with stealing an iron safe, valued at 24, belonging to Bheema Jeitha, a grain dealer of Mazagon. On Monday last, complainant vacated his place and went to reside in another house. He removed his goods and chattels to his new residence, leaving behind only a small iron safe, which was empty. When complainant went to remove the safe on the following morning, he found it missing. After making inquiries he proceeded to accused's place at Mount Road and saw the safe there. Accused was taken into custody. On being questioned by the court, he pleaded that as the house was to be pulled down, he directed the cart driver to carry the safe at a short distance, and leave it there safely. The cart-driver did not carry out the instructions promptly and conveyed the safe to his (accused's) place. The Magistrate remarked that the defence was incredible, and ordered accused to be rigorously imprisoned for three months.

CALLED TO THE BAR.—Mr. Mulji Devji Vedant, of the Bombay University, is the only son of Mr. Devji Ramdas Vedant, one of the most prominent Vakils of Cutch. Mr Mulji Devji Vedant was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, on the 17th of November, and he arrived in Bombay on the 12th instant by the French Mail s s Laos. Hundreds of Cutchee residents of Bombay hurried to the Ballard Pier to welcome him—the first Hindu Cutchee Barrister. He was cordially congratulated by those present. A committee of the Vedant caste decided to admit him into the caste at once. Mr. Devji Ramdas Vedant, to express his thankfulness to God for this happy event gave a sum of Rs. 500 to the caste with a request that the same should be invested on trust; that the said sum form the nucleus of a fund for the relief of the destitute of the Vedant caste. He also gave a feast to the caste on the 18th inst. It is satisfactory to note that the Vedant Brahamins have set a praiseworthy example which we hope will be followed by Brahamin, Bhatia, Bania and other Hindu castes, so that a Hindu may in future go to Europe with the confidence that no penalty of excommunication is waiting for him at home on his return.

DEPARTURE FOR CHINA.—On Tuesday afternoon, the China mail steamer Bengal, took a large number of passengers bound for Hong Kong and Shangai, Amongst those who left was Mr. Maneckji Pestonji Talati, late partner in the old and well-known firm of Messrs. Sorabji N. Talati and Co., who with his several other partners, recently joined the firm of Messrs. Talati and Co., started by Mr. Nowroji S. Talati J.P., a highly respectable merchant of Bazaargate street, and till recently a partner of Messrs. S. N. Talati and Co. The majority of the partners who started a new firm are old and experienced hands enjoying high reputation among mercantile circles for their integrity and shrewd business-like habits. A large number of influential friends and almost all the merchants of Bazaar-gate street were present at the Victoria Docks to bid farewell to Mr. Manockjee who is very popular among the merchants, by reason of his genial and winning manners and sterling worth. Mr. Manockjee was garlanded by his numerous friends till he was quite unable to carry his floral load. Literally cartloads of floral offerings were made to him. Amongst those present were Sardar Mir Abdul Ali Khan Bahadur Sardar Gomer Jamal; Messrs. Dinshaw Jijibhai Doctor of Messrs Ardasher Hormasjee and Dinshaw; Shinsamul Shivlyal, Hajarimul Multanchand; D. D. Karani; Naoroji Sorabji Talati; Dinshaw Sorabjee Talati; Jamsetjee Bhesania; Bomanjee B. Bhesania; Cursetjee F. Bhesania; Manockji Mody; Mir Aun Ali; Rao Bahadur Vandekur &c. After shaking hands with those present Mr. Manockjee and his four assistants embarked, on the vessel, which left anchor in the afternoon. Three lusty cheers were called out for Mr. Manockji and were heartily responded by a large throng of people collected at the docks to bid him good bye. The business of the new firm in Bombay will be looked after by Messrs. Dinsha and Navroji, who are known for their shrewd commercial instincts and thorough business-like principles, and other partners. Mr. Manockjee who first went to China in 1870, and has ever since represented the firm of Messrs. S. N. Talati and Co., at Hong-Kong will again be in charge of the firm there.

MRS. ANNA MARIA DRUCE, whose name is well-known in connection with recent litigation, has met with a serious cab accident. It appears that on Monday evening (Nov. 28) she took a hansom in Ludgate-circus, and ordered the driver to take her to the offices of one of her legal advisers in the neighbourhood of the Strand. Near the Law Courts, where the traffic was at the moment very congested, the driver pulled up suddenly, and Mrs. Druce was violently thrown from her seat on to the doors of the hansom, which swung open, and pitched her into the street. Before she was able to regain her feet one of the wheels of the cab passed over her arm, and she narrowly escaped being run over also by a passing omnibus. Mrs. Druce was conveyed in a dazed condition to the King's College Hospital, where it was found that she had sustained severe injuries to the right arm and the knee. She was subsequently taken home in a cab.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS IN BOMBAY SHOPS.

(SECOND NOTICE.)

MR. R. DITMAR.

THIS well known firm, established now over a quarter of a century, is well up to date in its exhibition of the latest variety of lamps for all purposes, it being claimed that it is the largest show of any in India in this class of goods. As if this was not enough, the firm has also a very rare show of Majolica artware, consisting of table ornaments in great profusion, flower pots and vases, jardiniers, dessert sets, toilet services, trays, breakfast and afternoon tea services, etc. Mr. Ditmar is also showing a superb display of rich porcelain dessert and breakfast services tea and coffee sets, coffee pots on stands, and an immense variety of glass table ornaments, sweet-dishes etc. There is also the much-admired hammered iron and copper standard lamps, afternoon tea kettles for the floor and table, ash trays, dinner gongs, etc. Silk shades in the loveliest tints add to the splendour of the show. In fact we would recommend the residents and all visitors to this city during this season not to miss a visit to this establishment, more particularly in the evenings, when the show rooms are brilliantly lit up. This firm is well known for supplying first class articles of latest improvements, and is continuing to give satisfaction to their numerous Bombay and up-country customers.

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Messrs. Taraporewalla & Sons have a most distinctive collection of Christmas and New Year cards. The firm seems to adopt the motto, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." The "Black and White" series of pictures, of which there are hundreds of sets, each quite distinct from the other, consist of real works of art after designs by the best-known artists. The prices of these are as comprehensive as the variety of subjects treated, whilst the style of mounting and general finish is in every respect worthy of the charming works of art which, by the enterprise of the firm, are now brought within reach of the Indian public. Messrs. Taraporewalla have paid great attention to making their selection as popular as possible. There are thousands distinct sets of cards, exchluxurious, beautiful, and tasteful. The "Floral Monogram" cards are the best of the kind we have seen, while young and old will be in love with the collection of the "Living Pictures series," and those in search of "comic" cards will find that they have not been forgotten. Of calendars, Messrs. Taraporewalla have a pretty good selection, the Shakesperian block calendar being particularly attractive. What is more important they have an exceedingly good collection of handsome new books suitable for Christmas presents. What most gladdens the eyes of the little folks is the wide range of artistic and instructive toy books, the ingenious mechanical contrivances of some of them being very noticeable Some of the other nice things suitable for Christmas presents are their leather made articles, such as ladies companion, writing desk, blotting pads, jewel cases, purses, etc., etc. In short in every department the collection of this firm is new and up to-date.

CHUBB'S BOX AND LOCK MART.

Mr. Edulji Pestonji, of 37, Bazaar Gate Street, is the Bombay agent for Messrs. Chubb and Son's Lock and Safe Company, Limited. At the present moment when the bubonic fever is mocking at Merry Christmas and the people are fleeing from their homes the safey of valuables left behind can be assured by securing them with Chubb's burglar and thief resisting locks and safes. These will save all the expense of depositing goods in banks or entrusting them in private hands. In the purchase of watches especially the penny wise and pound foolish policy is in vogue Watches are bought which are mere trinkets, and are extremely susceptible to climatic changes. They often "catch cold," and are frequently laid up with paralysis of the hands. It would therefore be very economical to pay a visit to Chubbs Mart, where watches can be had by the celebrated maker, John Jones, which last a life-time and remain always in sound health and working order. Parents or relatives could perhaps give no better present for their dear ones, who have passed their recent examinations, than a watch by John Jones. There are also very pretty gold watch chains of various designs and excellent taste. On behalf of Messrs. Chubb and Sons, Mr. Edulji Pestonjee is sending out a neat card case with a pocket calendar inside a blotting book and ivory paper knife.

MESSRS. N. B. DANTRA & CO.

This well known firm of Tea and Coffee merchants, situate at 33, Church Gate Street, Fort, was established in 1887, and by their personal selection of the best Tea gardens and honest dealing with their numerous customers, have established a wide reputation both in India and abroad. For the Xmas and New Year's festivities they have specially ordered out consignments of best Tea and Coffee, which are packed in air tight handsome tins of 5 and 10 lbs. boxes worth presenting on the occasion. Their pure ground mocha coffee is universally acknowledged to be the best ground coffee procurable in Bombay.

SHERIAR ASPANDIAR IRANI.

Sheriar Aspadiar Irani, Kalbadavie Road, has a collection of musical boxes, playing very sweet and popular Hindustani and English tunes, 4 to 24 airs, and adorned with singing birds and dancing girls. He has also a stock of pianos, hand-organs, street organs, American organs, folding and cottage harmoniums for English and Indian songs, violins banjoes, guitars, mandolins, accordions etc. etc. and all other musical instruments. All these were personally selected and brought by Mr. Aspandiar when he paid his last annual visit to Europe seven months ago. All the instruments, particularly the musical boxes, combine the latest improvements. Besides musical instruments, there is an assortment of fancy mirrors, pictures, hand-paintings of famous Indian buildings such as Taj Mal, etc., painted by skilful artists of Europe, Venetian life-size figures, &c.

MESSRS. CHINOY BROTHERS.

This firm which is at Kalbadavie Road does not make any special Xmas show. They have now a large stock of goods in their shop which presents a very charming appearance. They have on sale for the season a fresh stock of Persian hats and European and Oriental caps, and the proprietors have done their best to improve the style of the articles they order out from the manufacturers direct. The shop is full of stylish topees for presentation, and in the course of two years from its establishment it has become very popular.

BOMBAY FINE ART GALLERY.

This year, the Bombay Fine Art Gallery has again come to the front in its exhibition of varied pictures, and a visit to the gallery during this festive season is worth the trouble taken. Mr. Dinshaw has done well to make the collection as varied as possible, and the prices are so very moderate, as to be almost termed Christmas prices. To an exile from home, there are many and varied pictures for him to fix his eyes upon, and he forgets that he is in sunny India with its un-Christmaslike weather and its disease. Side-by side with a scenery in the "Highlands" are grouped, "The Latest News" by M. Scholz and "Feast of Flora" by V. Tofitte, while further away our eyes are drawn to the "Passing Regiment" by I. Hughes Williams, and "The Forty Winks." The clever pictures by Cynicus attract our attention, and the mind is freshened and quickened at the display of Humour. Well may it be said of the collection that here is a treat for both the young and the old, and especially to the youngster who comes down from the Mofussil. The collection exhibited here will quicken him to think of the dear old Home of which his Pa and Ma talk so often and so ardently. The pictures by celebrated modern artists, such as Sir Frederick Leighton, Alma Tadema, Marcus Stone, Sir Edward Poynter, meet our gaze, and the prices are ranged so low even for these as to be within the reach of all classes. Sporting subjects have been well arranged and high class engravings and photographs come in also for their share of praise. These are photographs from the Berlin and Paris galleries after the works of the best artists, and the Indian views and characters deserve notice. There is also a large collection of lady celebrities, and the "stout ensemble" is so well arranged and appointed that an hour spent there would certainly not be thrown away.

MESSRS. B. NUSSERWANJEE AND CO.

This firm of jewellers of 125, Hornby Row, Fort, have on hand a large and varied stock of high class jewellery, much of it having the merit of such artistic finish as to render it especially suitable for purposes of presentation. There is a large assortment of 18ct. gold necklaces with pendants set with rubies and pearls. The watches are as handsome as they are strong, and unlike the trinkets offered in the bazaar are not subject to paralysis of the arms and other evil influences. The prices are very moderate.

CHRISTMAS TREES AND CANARIES

In our advertisement columns, readers will see that Mr. Simons, the owner of the Grand Museum at Boree Bunder is determined not to be out-done by his many rivals in catering for the public at this festive season. He is fitting up a large shamiana attached to his colossal tent wherein he is arranging a goodly display of presents to send young and old. They comprise Gentlemens' Gold Watches, Ladies' Gold Watches, Silver Racing Cups, Muffeneer Sets, Vases, Clocks, Time-pieces, Dolls, India-rubber Balls, and Toys of every description, all of which have been carefull selected to please every taste. All visitors by paying one Rupee at the Door on Saturday next, December 24th, not only get a ticket of admission to the Grand Museum, and on this occasion a complete change of the panoramic views will be shown and they will also have a share in the Grand Prize Drawing, as each visitor on entering will be presented with a ticket bearing a number, and one ticket will entitle the holder to the corresponding prize number in the Grand drawing. An additional attraction is provided by the performing canaries for which a charge of two rupees will be made. The canaries will draw the Tickets in the presence of the Public and the lucky holder of the number drawn will receive a valuable prize. The opportunity is one that should not be missed, as in addition to the Grand museum, visitors will have the pleasure of witnessing one of the most wonderful exhibitions of bird still ever introduced to the Bombay public.

CALENDARS.

The manufacturers of Mellin's food which has become indispensable in every Anglo-Indian and native home, have issued a very neat and elegant wall calendar with an excellent likeness of her Majesty the Queen Empress. It is really a beautiful present for the occasion and is issued to the customers of Mellins food in Bombay by Messrs. Latham Abercrombie and Co. We have received from Mr. Pestonji Edulji Chubb a beautiful blotting book for desk use, a paper knife and a pocket Calendar each of them showing other uses beside advertisement.

Messrs. Devereaux and Co, Wine Merchants of Calcutta and Bombay sent us a beautiful pocket Calendar with a Card case. Messrs. Watcha Brs. the well-known Cyclist Merchants, have received a very chaste and beautiful Calender which would nicely adorn even a drawing room. The Agents of the Sun Fire Office, Equitable Fire Accident Office Ld. and the Queen Insurance Company of America, the Melji Fire Insurrance Company Ld. Tokyo, Messrs Manilal Mulji, Sole importer of Anelin Fast Colours, the Singer Manufacturing Company and others have also sent us their Calenders.

"INDIAN ENGINEER CALENDAR"

The month of December brings with it the usual supply of calendars of all sorts for the coming year and although the majority of those issued in this country are of the usual stereotyped class, we have to name as an exception the "Indian Engineer Calendar" for 1899 which is the most artistic production of its kind we have hitherto seen. We must congratulate the Bombay engineering firms (and all engineering firms of repute in that Presidency appear to have contributed) on the way they have combined to advertise their productions, and we doubt not that Calcutta firms will shortly follow their excellent example. Engineers, as a rule, are slow to enter into any combination which may be to their benefit, as they consider, very often rightly, that competition necessarily prevents such methods; but the present production shows how it is possible for twelve well-known firms to advertise their respective businesses without detracting from each other's merits. Each month includes a photo, illustration of some engineering work, some machinery supplied, or offices and godowns; and the months are interleaved with pages for memoranda and engagements. The whole is printed on art paper and bound with silk ribbon. We understand the Bombay firms are distributing these calendars gratis, and we would recommend any up-country engineers not receiving a copy to apply to any firm in Bombay or Karachi with whom they correspond. As a specimen of the perfection to which half-tone engraving has been brought, we would draw attention to the illustration in the month of November showing a group of Aveling and Porter's steam road rollers.

THE PENSIONERS' FETE.

THE annual Christmas Pensioners' Fete will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday the 7th January. Tea will be provided for the Families of all European Naval and Military Pensioners at 5-30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. each pensioner's child (14 years of age and under) will receive a Christmas present from the Christmas Tree, which will be placed on the Organ Platform in the Hall. At 7 p.m. a dinner will be provided for the pensioners. 2. Application for tickets of admission for pensioners, their families and friends should be made to the Honorary Secretary, Pensioners' Fete, Town Hall, between the 27th December and 5 January during the hours of 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., after the latter date, no tickets will be issued. Invitations will be sent to all subscribers.

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. JUSTICE CANDY.

NAGPUR MILL SHARES.

NAVIAHU VS. BAPUJI JUGGONNATH AND ANOTHER.

His Lordship delivered judgment in the above suit already reported in our previous issue, and in which the plaintiff sought to redeem from the defendants 7 shares of the Central India Spg. and Wg. Co., Ld., pledged by her to the defendants' testator as security for a loan of Rs. 5000 obtained by her from him. The Hon. Mr. Lang and Mr. Macpherson instructed by Messrs. Mansukhlal Damoder and Jamsetji appeared for the Plaintiff, and Mr. Scott and Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Bhaishanker a Kanga, appeared for the defendants. In delivering judgment his Lordship held that the only material issue in the case was whether the shares in question were sold with the Plaintiff's knowledge and consent and by her direction and whether the 5 shares of the Jiwraj Balloo Mill and 5 shares of the Western India Mill were purchased in their place and stead also with her knowledge and consent and by her direction. After reviewing the evidence on the point his Lordship decided that issue in plaintiff's favour holding that the plaintiff did not authorise the sale of her original shares and the investment of the proceeds in the purchase of the other shares and that the defendants on whom the onus of proof lay, failed to establish the contention which they had set up, and that the estate of the deceased was therefore liable to return the original shares, and as that is not possible, other shares of the same company of like value with the A shares subsequently issued thereon by the company by way of profits. His Lordship accordingly passed a decree against the Defendants directing them to deliver to Plaintiffs within 3 days 7 whole shares of the Central India Spg: and Wg. Co., Ld. of the nominal value of Rs. 500 each and three half shares or A shares of the same company of the nominal value of Rs 250 each and one scrip of the nominal value of Rs 125 each on the Plaintiff paying to the defendants the balance of principal and interest due at foot of the loan on the basis of an account to be made out as his Lordship directed, or in the alternative, the defendants were ordered to pay to the plaintiff the value of the aforesaid shares and scrip at the rate of Rs. 1855 for the whole share, Rs 927-8-0 for the A share and Rs 463-12-0 for the scrip. The defendants were further ordered to pay the Plaintiff her costs of the suit including the costs of the Judge's summons for commission.

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THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 21ST OF DECEMBER, 1898.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calicu standard, reduced to the same temperature M° and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity a Lat. 19.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 24 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a small shed with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min.) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing ratios of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

STATIONS.	Pressure 8 A.M.	WIND. Direction.	WIND. Hasp per hour.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Maximum of past 24 hours.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity 8 A.M.	RAINFALL. Past 24 hours.	RAINFALL. Since 1st Nov. to date.	RAINFALL. Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Lahore	30·079	Calm	1	69·6	47·2	86	...	...	−0·24
Sirsa	3·069	NW	4	70·7	40·2	95	...	...	−0·29
Delhi	30·028	ESE	5	69·7	52·0	81	...	0·12	+0·55
Agra	29·993	NE	5	79·0	58·4	82	0·05	0·69	+0·48
Cawnpore	30·13	NNE	3	78·2	51·0	73	...	0·14	...
Allahabad	29·985	E	3	78·7	49·4	79	...	0·23	−0·24
Jhansi	30·002	Calm	4	86·1	56·2	70	...	0·98	+0·75
Jacobabad	30·109	NW	4	74·9	40·5	65	...	...	−0·25
Karachi	30·119	E	5	80·1	53·9	46	...	...	−0·17
Jeypore	30·040	NW	3	73·0	55·1	53	...	0·48	+0·16
Ajmere	30·078	Calm	4	76·9	49·3	78	...	0·37	+0·08
Deesa	30·042	ENE	7	84·2	56·1	48	...	0·48	+0·32
Ahmedabad	30·002	NNW	2	85·2	56·1	48	...	0·51	...
Bhuj	30·081	N	5	81·3	53·0	85	...	0·22	+0·13
Rajkot	30·054	N	7	81·9	52·0	43	...	0·29	−0·10
Ghadechi	29·969	NW	4	86·5	56·7	58	...	0·03	...
Veraval	29·967	NNE	9	83·0	66·3	59	...	0·34	...
Neemuch	30·039	E	7	83·8	52·3	45	...	0·90	+0·64
Indore	30·028	SW	2	82·8	55·1	74	...	0·19	−0·37
Sangor	30·025	SSW	4	83·7	55·1	49	...	0·16	−1·00
Jubbulpore	30·022	S	2	83·9	49·9	76	...	..	−0·81
Hoshangabad	30·030	Calm	0	82·7	56·6	61	...	...	−1·15
Khandwa	30·24	W	4	87·2	61·1	67	...	...	−0·82
Raipur	30·016	Calm	1	82·3	53·3	71	...	...	−0·75
Nagpur	30·023	Calm	1	88·8	55·2	62	...	...	−1·31
Amraoti	30·023	E	6	86·1	50·3	47	...	0·08	0·03
Akola	30·013	SE	5	89·0	59·9	48	...	0·03	−1·04
Surat	29·939	Calm	0	86·5	59·0	53	...	0·17	−1·24
Malegaon	29·945	W	5	86·9	59·4	71	...	0·16	−0·02
Bombay	29·933	NNE	12	84·5	70·9	60	...	0·60	−0·16
Cuddapah	29·975	SSE	6	86·0	63·4	80	...	0·13	−0·37
Madras	29·936	NNE	9	85·0	70·0	84	0·02	22·69	−0·87
Coimbatore	29·938	NE	2	84·9	68·1	98	...	6·07	+5·11
Pelchinopoly	29·90	C	4	83·1	70·2	86	0·12	10·72	+1·47
Aurangabad	29·898	NW	21	79·0	72·9	92	1·57	33·12	+3·21
Colombo	29·851	E	6	87·5	73·0	65	0·36	18·72	+7,65
Aden	30·019	E	12	79·3	75·4	70	0·14	9·22	+0·45

In column "Wind, Rate per hour," L=Light, M=Moderate, F=Fresh, S=Strong, H=Heavy.

SUMMARY.

There has been a brisk fall of pressure at Cawnpore, Allahabad, Jubulpore, Nagpur and Malegaon, a brisk rise at Karachi and Bhuj and a slight rise or fall elsewhere. Readings are highest in Sind and lowest in the south. Gradients are moderately steep to slight. Winds are north-easterly to south-easterly at the majority of the reporting stations, and the force has been f

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 21.

THERE was a further drop in London yesterday in the price of Consols, of 1-8 per cent., to 110 5-16. French Rentes were still quoted at 1·2 ex.; and Paris Exchange on London declined 1-2 centime, to 25·27 1-2 fcs. Indian Sterling Loan continued at 116, and 3 1-2 per cent Rupee Securities at £62 7-16. Exchange on India at 30 days' sight was unaltered at ls. 3 13-16d. Bar Silver was 1-16d. lower, at 27 7-16d. per oz.; and in New York 1-4 cent, at 59 1-2 cents per oz., demand Exchange on London being 1-4 cent higher, at 4·84 1-2 dollars.

The total quantity of Wheat afloat for the United Kingdom on Friday last was 1,710,000 quarters, compared with 1,810,000 quarters at the end of the previous week.

Guzerat Yellow Rapeseed was quoted yesterday at 35 3-4s. per 416lbs., December-January shipment, to Havre, sellers via the Canal, market quiet; and Cawnpore Yellow Rapeseed at 35 1-4s. per 416lbs., same shipment, to the same port, sellers via the Canal, tone of the market quiet.

Prices both spot and for arrival were unchanged all round in the Liverpool Cotton Market yesterday. The day's sales were 10,000 bales, and the imports, 41,000 bales. The market closed steady, Surats quiet, Arrivals quiet but steady. The Manchester market closed steady.

Ready Mid-Uplands remained in New York at 5 13-16 cents per lb. Futures for March declined 2 points, to 5·48 cents, and for June one point, to 5·59 cents per lb. The Receipts at the U S Ports were 70,000 bales; and the arrivals this season now compare as follows with those during the corresponding period in the two preceding seasons:—

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Tuesday's Receipts	70,000	90,000	64,000
Three days' do.	186,000	215,000	185,000
Since 1st Sept	5,270,000	5,050,000	4,572,000

Our local cotton market has been dull to-day. The Mills bought 200 bales Dhorajee, at Rs. 130; 200 Pachora, at Rs. 125 to 126; 300 Bengal at Rs. 130; 200 Oomrawattee, at Rs. 130; 200 Chopda, at Rs. 125; 300 Bhowaugger, at Rs. 126; 100 Dhulia, at Rs. 125; 250 Junagadh, at Rs. 117 1-4. Forward quotations are: Rs. 151 per candy for "good" Broach, March delivery; Rs. 133 1-2 for "good" Bhownugger, for May; and Rs. 122 1-2 for "Fully good" Bengal, for January.

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—Prices show no further change; markets are dull in tone.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday were as follows:—

Cotton	12,186	bales.
Wheat	13,723	cwts.
Linseed	3,471	"
Rapeseed	2,856	"
Gingellyseed	23,320	"
Poppyseed	628	"
Castorseed	3,299	"
Rice	27,392	"

FREIGHTS are a steadier market. Ready lines are reported placed at 19s. 6d. to 20s per ton for Antwerp at 17s. 9d. to 18s. for January shipment, and 17s. 9d. to 18s. for February.

EXCHANGE opened steady at ls. 4 1-32d. for Rank Telegrapic and Demand, and ls. 4 7-32d. for three months sight credits. A fair amount of re-sales were reported in Bank Wire, at ls. 4 1-16d. and the market closed steady as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	ls. 4 1-32d. per rupee.
" Telegraphic	ls. 4 1-32d. "
Credits 3 months sight	ls. 4 7-32d. "
Francs	171, "

GOVERNMENT PAPER has been quiet to-day, and quotations, which at opening were given at 94 1-4 for cash, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 94 1-8 for the Settlement, declined afterwards to 94 and 93 15-16 in the two positions, respectively; for Threes 84 1-2 was named.

SHARES.—Prices have moved in favour of buyers to-day, as disclosed by the figures in our revised list.

[REGTERS TELEGRAMS.]

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 20.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Surats quiet.
Good Bhownuggur 2 20-32.
The Manchester Market has been steady.

2½ per cent. Consols	110 5-16
3 per cent. Rentes	102 ex.
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	116
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers	92 7-16
Bar Silver	27 7-16

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, DEC. 20.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macalister arrived here this morning.

SUEZ, DEC. 20.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macintyre arrived here from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, this morning.

ADEN, DEC. 21.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Mombassa left here yesterday morning.

BANK OF MADRAS.

Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Madras for the week ending 10th December, 1898:—

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	a.	p.
Capital paid-up	60,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund	30,00,000	0	0
Pub Dep at Hd Office Rs. 19,95,334 14 2 } Pub Dep at Branches Rs. 12,82,221 1 8 }	32,77,915	15	10
Other Dep at Head Office and Branches	222,41,803	3	0
Bank Post Bills, etc.	1,18,814	13	10
Sundries	4,39,668	5	7
Total	350,78,205	6	3
ASSETS.			
Government Securities	38,91,026	12	0
Other authorised Investments	9,64,929	14	0
Loans on Government and other authorised Securities	34,38,055	8	3
Accounts of credit on Government and other authorised Securities	45,69,144	12	8
Bills discounted and purchased	71,31,229	0	9
Balances with other Banks	9,88,393	7	6
Bullion	9,539	6	9
Dead stock	8,29,271	5	8
Stamps	12 260	12	3
Sundries	63,776	3	2
	218,93,618	3	5
Cash and Currency Notes at Head Office and Branches	131,84,587	3	3
Total	3,50,78,205	6	3

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 22.

Before the Honourable Mr. Justice CANDY.

For an Exparte Decree.

322-98—Edgl w and G and W—Ruttonjee Pestonjee Sadarwalla vs Abu Bucker Hajee Soomar

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Postponed Long Causes.

218,24—Tyabji D and Co—Narandas Canji vs Madhowji Bhugwanji and another—Mirza H Khan
445,97—Framji and D—Shuterally Sieshen Sobbash vs Kasoorchand Abechand—Payne G and S
695,97—Magaulal and R—Dalsukhbai Fulchand and another vs Patel Chota Pitamber
190,98—Tyabji and Co,—Hemrichand Jiwanjee vs Sittabai alias Narbadabai—S B and Noble
105,98—Bicknell M and M—Javerbai vs Shamjibhai Akbai—K D Shroff

Before the Honourable Mr Justice B. TYABJEE.

For Dismissal.

420,98—Janardhan and A—Cawasji Edulji Bisney vs Sherinbai—Hiralal M and M

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Commercial Causes.

327,98—Tyabji D and Co—Narsingdas Mohanlal and others vs Kishorelal Dewansing vs—Edgelow and G

Postponed Long Causes.

87,98—Little and Co—Soonderdas Dharamsey and another vs Maneckji Edulji Contractor and others
44,98—Bhaishunker and K—Sadanand Nathooji vs Balcrishna Nathooji—Crawford B and Co
628 98—Little and Co—Emilsute Pa D vs Kalap Budda—Daphtary and F
141,98—Ardeshir H and D—Tribhowandas Varjiwandas and others vs Narandas Luxmidas and others—Payne G and S
514,95—Dikshit and D—Jainabai vs Hafizabai and others—PayneG and S, and Little and Co

Before the Honourable Mr Justice RUSSELL.

Testamentary Suits

26,98—In person—Ramchandar Vishnu Baput vs Luxhimibai—Ardeshir H and D

New Long Causes.

270,98—Sorabji and J—Cursetji Maneckji Bhagat and others vs Bhikaiji widow—Jehangir and S
352,98—In person (a pauper)—Gennoo Oomaji vs Gennoo Ramji and others—M H Khan
397,98—Thakurdas D Cand H—Seolam Hoosein Soomar vs Haji Tyab Haji Joonas and others—Edgelow G and W
428,98—K J Mantri—Savitribai vs Rambaji Dhondiba—Smetham B and N
380,98—King and Co—Bibibai Moosa Aboo and others—Payne G and S

For further directions and costs on Commissioners Report

553,97—Pestonji R and K—Burjorji Lingji Balliboi vs Dossabhoy Pestonji Veerji

Postponed Long Causes.

721,97—Tyabji D and Co—Abdool Rahiman Haji Soomar vs Haji Ebrahim Joosub—Payne G and S
372,97—Little and Co—Haji Osman Haji Aba vs Ahmedbhai Ludakbhai and others—Roughton and B and Pestonji R and K

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARG FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

MARRIAGE.

MULLER—December 21, at Conoor, Madras Presidency by the Rev. Alex. Jones, Oswald Valdemar Muller, M.A., (Cantab) Government Professor of History and Political Economy at Elphinstone College, Bombay eldest son of L V. Sigvald Muller, Esq., C.E., of Newquay, Cornwall, to Kathleen Ellen, youngest daughter of the late William, 1st. George Bevan, Esq., late Madras P. W. D., of Glen Bevan Croom Limerick.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

HOARE—December 17, at 11, Ballygunge, Circular Road, Calcutta, the wife of Captain H Hoare, 5th Dragoon Guards, Adjutant, C L H, of a son
WOLFERSTAN—December 18, at 228, Lower Circular Road the wife of A Wolferstan, of a son

MARRIAGES.

THOMSON — TODHUNTER — December 17, at St George's Cathedral, Madras, by the Ven'ble Archdeacon W Weston Elves, assisted by the Rev. C H Pelly, the Hon'ble Mr James Thomson, I C S, to Margaret Ellen, daughter of Charles Franklin Todhunter, of Christ Church, New Zealand.
WEBB—BROWNE—December 15, at St Andrew's Church, Darjeeling, by the Rev C J Palmer, George Augustus, second son of A B L Webb, Esq, to Annie Selina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Drury Browne.

DEATHS.

GILL—December 19, at 4, Colvin Road, Allahabad, Florence Mary Hope, infant daughter of the Rev and Mrs Charles Hope Gill aged 11 months
STERLING — December 10, at Balliguda, Ganjam District, Daisy, beloved daughter of Civil Apothecary, SJC Sterling, aged 11 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

*** THE Editorial and Managerial departments of the "Bombay Gazette" have been removed from their temporary offices in Church-gate Street to 18 Esplanade Road, next the National Bank, and opposite the Currency Office.

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1898.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LAWRIE likes to stand like Athanasius alone against the world, or at all events the medical world. When giving evidence before the Plague Commission at Secunderabad he excommunicated Professor Haffkine's prophylactic fluid with bell, book and candle, declaring that it is not a serum but a putrescent organic fluid containing a large number of disease bearing germs. This fearful devil's broth is calculated in his opinion to produce blood-poisoning, abscesses and ulcerations. On cross-examination indeed he acknowledged that he would not object to the employment of it provided he was certain it was sterilised, "but he would absolutely decline to recommend it without further experiments to show its effects after its sterilization." That confident statement implies that no proper experiments have hitherto been made and that no one can tell what the fluid might do if it were properly sterilised. Now here in Bombay we know that 32,000 people of all castes and conditions, Europeans and natives, medical men, Government officials, professional men, men of business, servants, and artisans have been inoculated under highly competent supervision. But none of them have been overtaken by the dire results conjured up by the imagination of the Residency Surgeon at Hyderabad who has had no experience of inoculation. He has indeed administered the serum to some rabbits and found that when he used large doses they became immune against plague. But then he could not tell whether the immunity was conferred by the organisms in the fluid or by something else in the fluid. So the sagacious school boy declined to believe that Homer's poems were written by Homer; for all he knew they may have been written by another man of the same name. If the fluid confers immunity against a disease that kills from seventy to eighty per cent. of the people whom it attacks, it matters little to the ordinary man whether it is the "organism," that has that beneficial effect or "something else." But that is not all. The disease bearing germ, being present, must set up disease; the population will therefore be poisoned wholesale by inoculation. That is the opinion of a medical man who appears to have killed two rabbits by inoculating them with a serum that was no longer sterile. On that sterile experience he would have the Plague Committee and the public believe, that every one who is inoculated will be liable to blood-poisoning, abscesses, ulcerations and death.

It is a dreadful outlook. But before looking at the dismal prospect through dark glasses, it will be well to use our own eyes and see things as they really are. The Government of India has many thousand medical officers enrolled in its service. At the head of these stands the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service, Surgeon-General Harvey, who was deputed by the Government to visit Bombay and other parts of the country, and report on the effects of protective inoculation against plague. This distinguished officer came to Bombay and made careful inquiry into all that had been done under the close and constant supervision of hundreds of medical men, official and non-official, during the last two years. He heard no complaints of blood-poisoning and all the rest of it after inoculation, with a putrescent fluid teeming with pathogenic micrococci. Had there been such cases, the lynx eyes of medical men eager to observe and prompt to report, must have detected them. It would be the duty of the profession if the population were being poisoned in tens of thousands by such a process to warn the public against it, and appeal to the Government and the medical authorities to peremptorily prohibit their officers from dispensing the serum. The Director-General did nothing of the kind. He reported to Government that the results were most encouraging. He proceeded to Baroda to pursue his enquiries in the Gaekwar's dominions where, under the enlightened instructions of H. H. the Gaekwar, full advantage had been taken of the means science had placed at the disposal of his Government, to arrest and circumscribe an outbreak of plague that caused great anxiety. The Director General found that inoculation had been of great service in combating the plague, and he reported accordingly. There was no history of blood poisoning, suffering and death from the pathogenic terrors Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrie had at a glance discerned in the prophylactic fluid. Either the Director General is blind and deaf, and the hundreds of medical officers in hospitals and in private practice who have used the serum or seen it used and watched the result, have been preternaturally stupid, or the Residency Surgeon of Hyderabad is blessed with a preter naturalacuteness of vision which can discern what none else have seen. He can scent political danger of which his hierarchical superiors and the Government of India have been all unconscious. They have put it on record that inoculation is an effective protection from the incidence of plague and ought to be encouraged; he has declared it to be a source of danger which nothing would induce him to recommend or encourage, and affirmed that it is a source of political danger to make it compulsory as he states it to be. We thought it was the Government of India who are judges of what constitutes a political danger. If they be satisfied that the protection of large numbers of people against a very fatal epidemic by a process which is quite optional, is a work of supererogation on the part of one of their officers, it is their duty to endeavour to avert a danger of which the rest of the world is unconscious.

THE first number of a new volume of the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society was issued yesterday. The index of the previous volume came with it; both works are up to the usual standard of Mr. Phipson's excellent editing. The new number is replete with instructive reading matter, and is illustrated by admirable well-printed chromo-lithographs enhancing the value of the work. Opening the number is a continuation of Mr. Stuart Baker's "Indian Ducks and their allies," a paper which treats the subject popularly as well as scientifically. By the way one of the chief features of the journal is, that it caters for the general reader as well as for the natural historian; and without his knowledge transforms him into a student of the most entertaining of sciences. In his paper, Mr. Baker ventures to dispute with Hume the comparative merits of a punt gun, and a shoulder gun, for duck-shooting. He declares that one of the latest swivel-action, breech-loading, non-recoil guns will enable a sportsman to bring birds to bag that he could not otherwise get; it is not that he uses more skill in approaching, but that there is not the need to get so close. He does not require a more careful aim, for he sends his shot into the brown nearly always as they lie on the water. Nor does he require more endurance. To this most people will agree who have stood behind some 200 shots fired from a 12-bore carrying three and a half drams of powder. Certainly getting some one to push you along on a punt cannot be said to require more work than does the tramping after your birds on foot. Mallard especially are strong fliers; and Mr. Baker feels more satisfaction on hearing the thud, thud of a brace of birds on the ground in answer to the two barrels of a 12-bore, than in seeing five, or even ten times that number, left on the water as the result of a lucky shot from a punt gun, which after all is a matter of choice. In shooting wild duck as they rise before one, it is as well to loose off one's piece as soon as possible; for, as Macgillivray says, they rise straight up in the air, whether flushed from land or water, and, whilst thus rising, offer what is perhaps the easiest shot, and at the same time they are not increasing their distance. Following Mr. Baker's paper, which is still not concluded, is a second part of Mr. Dudgeon's Catalogue of the Heterocera of Sikhim and Bhutan, with notes by Mr. H. J. Elwes, and additions by Sir George F. Hampson. Mr. Davidson contributes the second part of his treatise on the Birds of North Kanara, following which is Sir G.F. Hampson's supplementary paper to the volumes of the "Fauna of British India" dealing with Indian months. A new South Indian mouse is next described by Mr. J. L. Bonhote, from a specimen captured at Coonoor in the Nilgiri Hills. Then a couple of scientific papers on Hymnoptera and new and little-known butterflies, bringing us to the ever instructive miscellaneous notes which cover a wider range of subjects than usual. Mr. Gadsden's recently read paper on "Fishing in Indian waters" finds a prominent place. As a matter of fact "Fishing in Indian waters" resolves itself into "Bahmin-fishing in Bombay harbour." But that is only a detail. As good a story can be told of a Bahmin as of any other kind of fish, and here is one of them:—Captain F. had struck and hooked a monster. He ran him up and down for a long time, and when he had nearly got the fish into his landing-net, the fish opened its mouth, and showed him very plainly the hook, right deeply embedded in its tongue (Bahmin, by the way, have no tongue proper), and then rushed off and cavorted about again afresh. Things, however, came to a pass eventually, and Captain F. led his fish up to the net once more, this time quite certain of victory, when according to his narrative, "hey presto!" the Bahmin opened its mouth, and showing the hook in its tongue once more, winked his left optic, and deliberately biting off his own tongue, left it on the hook to land, and swam away. Mr. Gadsden does not vouch for the accuracy of the story. So here very appropriately we may close our notice of fishing and of the new number of the Society's journal.

IN the order just issued by the Madras Government in reference to the Moplah outrage is a graphic account of the outbreak from the pen of Mr. Vibert, Special Assistant Magistrate. The incident occurred in April last, when a wealthy landowner, who is said to have rendered himself unpopular, was foully murdered by a gang of six Moplah fanatics. Fortunately one was caught, the remainder fled to the jungle, hunted by the police, who were apprised of the outrage. The next night they raided another man's house, carrying off a quantity of food. The spirit of mischief again seized them, and with an utter negligence of restraint they destroyed temples and sacked houses as they continued their flight. They decorated their persons with the sacred cloths of the martyrs, and with great inconsistency assumed the role of *sayyids*. The police ultimately discovered the miscreants in possession of a temple, surrounding which was a crowd of angry Moplahs. Mr. Vibert and Mr. Wilkinson, who had charge of the police, were asked to retire, and the loyal Moplah police, backed up by the populace, effected the capture of the gang. The latter assigned as the motive provoking the outrages that the landlord had been guilty of oppression, cruelty, had destroyed a tomb and razed to the ground a prayer shed. The latter allegations were found to be purely mythical. The most satisfactory part of the unfortunate rising is the fact that the bulk of the people stood aloof, and it may be taken as a sign that popular opinion is opposed to such fanatical outbursts. The Government acknowledge in complimentary terms the skill and energy displayed by the two police officers named in promptly arresting the gang, two of whom were hanged, the rest being transported for life. Others for complicity in the murder were either deported to distant districts or ordered to leave India for ever.

COLONEL O. F. LEWIS, R. E., who was deputed by the British Government to report to the War Office on the possibilities of Wei-hai-Wei as a military station, has now placed his views before the head-quarter officials. His report is of a confidential character, but he is said to have given certain information to Reuter's representative. Colonel Lewis thinks Wei-hai-Wei is of much greater value, both from a naval and military standpoint, than was ever anticipated. He repudiates the suggestion that the British Government have done nothing since the lease of this Chinese port, and says that already new charts have been prepared by the Admiralty and the land survey is well-advanced. Wei-hai-Wei is much more commodious than Port Arthur, and Colonel Lewis, while declining to define its exact possibilities, exhibited a photograph of the place, which showed nine naval vessels riding at anchor. At the same time there would have been ample room for a much larger fleet; the anchorage is safe, and during Colonel Lewis' stay at the port, evidence was not lacking to show that the island afforded excellent protection to vessels in time of violent storms. The buildings at Wei-hai-Wei are simply Chinese structures, all more or less decayed and insanitary. There is no accommodation comparatively for European troops, and although in the Japanese camp the arrangements are good, they are distinctly unfit for occupation by British soldiers, especially in the winter. There are at present only a few marines ashore, but it is certain that a European garrison of some nature must be employed if Wei-hai-Wei is to be held; but neither in this matter nor in the question of the administration of Wei-hai-Wei has anything been settled.

IN another column we publish a communication on the subject of the Agricultural Classes. The object of the writer is to try and attract good students to the classes at the College of Science Poona. Although there are no guaranteed posts for passed students, still we believe that for some years smart students of active habits and fit for out-door work could get into Government employment soon after gaining the diploma in the agriculture test. Such students must be content to start in minor appointments. By application and good work they can rise to well paid posts. The University pass test, until recently, was not sufficiently severe; students of inferior class were attracted to the agricultural classes, hoping to get into Government employments by the "back door." That is now impossible, and if the right class of students take up the agricultural course, the authorities will be able to turn out men who will be extremely useful in the Revenue department. The college does not pretend to educate farmers in their business. Sons of large landowners might attend the agricultural course with every advantage, but Kunbi boys cannot afford a college education if they mean to be purely and simply agriculturists.

WE understand that it is in contemplation to revert to the former system of having a separate establishment for plague work under District Officers.

AMONGST the passengers who arrived in Bombay from Europe by the Imperatrix on Monday night, were Mr. Herbert Battey, I.C.S., Remembrancer for Legal Affairs; Mr. F. W. Stevens, C.I.E.; and Mrs. Stevens and General Lamb.

THE troops in Garrison will parade at 7 a.m., on Friday, the 23rd instant, on the General Parade Ground for inspection by the Lieut.-General Commanding the Forces, Bombay Command. Battalions to be formed up as laid down in Infantry Drill for Manœuvres—not ceremonial.

MR. S. H. C. HUTCHINSON, Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bombay Division informs us that in consequence of the 25th instant, Christmas Day, falling this year on a Sunday, Monday, the 26th instant, will be observed by the local Telegraph Offices in Bombay and the Mofussil as a holiday when 2nd class offices will be open from 7 to 9 a.m., and 4 to 9 p.m., and 3rd class offices from 7 to 9 a.m., and 4 to 6 p.m. This notice does not refer to the Central Telegraph Office which remains open day and night always.

COLONEL T. H. BROCK vacates the command of the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment at Dum-Dum on Friday. He will be succeeded by Major Evans of the same battalion.

CAPTAIN WELLBY, we learn, was particularly well received by King Menelik at Adis Abeba. He was to start for Lake Rudolph from the Abyssinian capital early this month.

AT a meeting of the French Cabinet on Nov. 25 the Minister of Foreign Affairs presented for the President's signature a bill for the ratification of the new Commercial Agreement between France and Italy.

MR. H. M. BIRD has declined the offer of the Ghazipur Opium Agency in succession to Mr. Wright, and this desirable post therefore still remains open to Civilians in the North-West Provinces.

ACCORDING to present arrangements Lord Curzon will leave Bombay on the evening of December 31st, and arrive in Calcutta on the evening of January 3rd, travelling via Jubbulpore. Lord Elgin will sail from Calcutta in the Clive on January 6th.

NEWS has reached the Gloucestershire Regiment in Calcutta of the death in England of Lieutenant-Colonel Leathem, Commanding the 2nd Battalion, or old 61st Foot. He was once adjutant of the Bombay Volunteer Rifles and for some years honorary secretary of the Bombay Yacht Club.

THE "Telegram Copywright Ordinance 1893," has been passed by the Ceylon Legislative Council, and having received the Governor's assent comes into force at once. Special foreign telegrams in Ceylon are now the exclusive property of the paper receiving them for 48 hours after publication. It now remains to be seen whether the Government of India will be able to make up its mind to follow the lead of Sir West Ridgeway.

THE Raja of Bhinga has invested a sum of one lakh of rupees in Government Securities to be held by the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the endowment of a Poor Asylum at Benares to be called the Bhinga Raj Anathalaya. The institution is intended for the benefit of the poor and decrepit of all classes irrespective of caste or creed.

IT has been arranged that the steamer Jubeda, which has accommodation for 750 pilgrims, shall leave Chittagong for Jeddah on the 25th of January 1899, the passage money being fixed at Rs. 80 for the voyage. All pilgrims must proceed to the Chittagong camp, and tickets for the voyage will only be sold in the camp which will be ready on the 4th January 1899. The holders of tickets will be given a certificate, after undergoing the necessary detention that they are free from any infection. If there are a sufficient number of pilgrims to fill another steamer, one will be despatched from Chittagong on the 15th of February 1899.

A SMALL committee consisting of Sir James Westland, the Hon. Mr. C. M. Rivaz, Mr. T. W. Holderness, Secretary to the Government of India in the Revenue Department, General Strahan, Surveyor General and Mr. John Eliot Meteorological Reporter, has just concluded its sitting in Calcutta on the subject of the working of Indian observatories. It has, we hear, been decided for the present to make no addition to the Kodai Kanal Solar Physics observatory in Southern Madras, which is under charge of Mr. Michie Smith. The Astronomer [illegible] suggested that an astronomical observatory should added to the solar physics building but the latter cost close upon a lakh of rupees when finished and this expenditure is deemed sufficient for [illegible].

THE report that Aquinaldo the [illegible] sent the Philippine Republic, had sent an Ult[illegible] to the American Commander in Manila to quit in 15 days, is now said to be a "canard" for the "Times of Ceylon" hears from Hongkong that "the representatives at Hongkong of the Filipino Government deny the sending of an Ultimatum to the Americans. They declare, on the contrary, that the desire of the leading Filipinos is to maintain close and amicable relations with America."

WE read in a Ceylon paper that the Salvation Army have figured in the District Court of Colombo, as defendants in an action for damages sustained by a native trader in consequence of the death of his horse. He alleged that his horse, while standing opposite a shop, was frightened by the noise caused by the Salvation Army Band, and bolted, with the result that it collided with a waggonette and was injured so severely that it died. At the hearing of the case, the magistrate inflicted a fine of Rs. 150. The sum was paid.

THE report of the Load-line Committee recommends that the same winter load-line be applied to all vessels trading to and from United States ports north of Cape Hatteras; that the additional freeboard for the North Atlantic in winter should be reduced to a uniform increase of 2in. for vessels up to 330ft. in length, and should be dispensed with in all vessels above that length; and that certain modifications should be made in the rules with regard to vessels of the "turret" type.

WHEN an undergraduate, at Cambridge (writes a *Daily Chronicle* correspondent), I was, on one occasion, conducting "somebody's sister" round the "Fitzbilly" (as the "Fitzwilliam Museum" was irreverently called). Suddenly she pulled up at the marble group of the she-wolf suckling Romulus and Remus. "Look," she cried, to the amusement of other visitors, and to the dismay of her accompanying swain, "There's Romeo and Juliet!"

NOTICE has been given that when troops are engaged in places where postage stamps cannot be obtained soldiers should write on the envelopes of their letters a certificate to that effect, the certificate being signed by the officer commanding the regiment. The circumstances under which this is done should be reported to the Postmaster-General in London in order that steps may be taken for collecting from the addresses the postage that is actually deficiant, instead of the double rate that is demanded in ordinary cases of unpaid letters.

A CURIOUS incident occurred during the Viceregal visit to the Shway Dagon Pagoda in Rangoon. On coming to the big bell, says the *Rangoon Times*, Lady Elgin said that she would like to test the skill of the old blind fortune-teller who sits there. Mr. Tilly accordingly asked one of a party of four Burmans, who were sitting opposite the bell, to come forward, and the fortune-teller informed this man that he had tried to get into Government employ and failed, that he had had three wives, and wound up by informing him that he would suffer much misery within the ensuing three months. Strange to say, the man was one of the gang of dacoits who was arrested at Kemendine that very night, and he, with three of his comrades, had gone to the Pagoda that morning for the express purpose of consulting the blind seer about the success of their enterprise. Lady Elgin was much interested on hearing how quickly the blind man's prophecy had been fulfilled.

LAWYERS, as well as doctors and the clergy (says the writer of an essay on "Humours of Speech and Pen," in the *Cornhill Magazine* for December), frequently have amusing tales to tell. A Canadian barrister is responsible for the following:—One day a farmer came into his office, and requested that a holograph will should be prepared for his signature. The lawyer began at once to explain terms, but the tiller of the prairie, who prided himself not a little upon his legal knowledge, only grew angry, "I want a holograph will," he declared; "and I am going to have it," he added, in parenthesis. When the impossibility of his request was still pointed out, he angrily stumped from the office, shouting out "D—it! If I can't have a holograph will, I'll blamed well die intestine!" Almost as funny was the tradesman who had recently been left some land. He came to the lawyer with instructions for a deed of transfer to be prepared in favour of himself. On being asked his reasons, he gave them thus; "Don't feel sort of comfortable about that bit of country. I know how particular you lawyer gents are, and I thought, may be, that if I signed a deed making over the property to myself, no one would be able to touch it." When his application was refused, he went away in a rage, and subsequently tried to bring an action against the lawyer, who, he imagined, was trying to defraud him.

AN interesting story attaches to the posthumous Carlyle, which Messrs. Chapman and Hall published. The idea of writing a work on the Civil Wars and the Commonwealth was one of Carlyle's first literary aspirations. It was not, however, until about 1842 that he found himself able to go forward with the scheme. His studies, meanwhile, had led him to see clearly that Cromwell must in any event be the hero of the book. As he wrote, Cromwell grew and grew upon him, submerging other things. Therefore Carlyle changed his plans, took up the letters and speeches of Cromwell in full and gave us that great book. The general materials which he had first prepared, beginning with the time of James I. when he believed the seeds of the Civil Wars were sown, had thus in large measure to be laid aside. The manuscript, however, was preserved by Carlyle, along with a partial transcript of it made by his friend John Chorley. It was docketed as "About James I and Charles I," put away, and not looked at again. The content of the coming volume have been selected from that bundle of manuscript, and for want of a better name have been called "Historical Sketches." Chorley's opinion was that the papers would make a most interesting little volume, and he grieved that they should be allowed to moulder in a box.

IT is reported that when Professor A. H. Church resumes work next year upon the wall paintings in the Palace of Westminster, he will probably bring into use a new apparatus which has been constructed to his order for the better cleansing of these frescoes. The object of this machine is to produce by means of a manual air-compressor, a powerful air-jet charged with bread-crumbs, which are distributed over the surface of the picture. It was first tried last autumn in the Royal Gallery where Maclise's famous paintings are situated, but had to be sent back to the makers in order that certain alterations in its construction might be effected, but even when these were done it did not prove altogether satisfactory. During next summer the Professor proposes to cleanse once again the whole of the frescoes in the House of Lords, as well as the four glazed paintings in the Peers and Commons corridors, the surfaces of which are covered with numerous dark patches, which he believes to be of fungoid growth.

IN "Hand and Heart" the following romantic incidents are narrated: A lady who attended the church of a well known clergyman complained to him that she could not continue to attend his church, as a gentleman, a member of the same congregation, stared at her so persistently. The clergyman remonstrated with the gentleman about it, but he said she had such a sweet face he could not help looking at her. The clergyman soon after, to his great surprise, was requested to perform the marriage ceremony for this very couple.—A marriage in Australia took place under peculiar circumstances. A young man used to receive nice letters from his young sister, which he sometimes showed to his friend, a chaplain; he also showed him her photograph.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF CRETE.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Prince George of Greece has started for Crete where he arrives to-morrow.

The Prince is being escorted to Crete by the flagships of the four Powers,

PERMANENT TELEGRAPHS IN THE SOUDAN.

It has been decided that immediately General Kitchener arrives at Omdurman the work of laying the telegraph will be begun to Fashoda, also to Kassala and Gedaref.

THE DEATH PENALTY FOR TREASON IN FRANCE.

Dec. 21.

The French Senate has adopted a Bill prescribing the death penalty for State officials found guilty of treason in time of peace.

AERIAL NAVIGATION.

A steering balloon started by the proprietors of the *Daily Chronicle* left the Crystal Palace and crossed the Channel in five hours.

THE STRANDING OF THE S. S. CHINA.

THE INQUIRY TO BE REHEARD.

The Board of Trade has ordered that the investigation into the stranding of the P. and O. s. s. China shall be re-heard generally by the High Court in England, owing to representations that those conducting the previous inquiry could have no practical knowledge of the onerous duties and responsibilities of merchant captains.

THE COMING VICEROY.

RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

Elaborate arrangements are notified for the reception of Lord Curzon in India. Guards of Honour are to be stationed at Railway Stations en route from Bombay and a regular pageant in Calcutta. The roads are to be lined with troops and all Government officers are to be in attendance, Lord Elgin ultimately meeting Lord Curzon on Government House steps and conducting him to the throne room.

THE MAHARAJA OF PATIALA AND PARTY AT CALCUTTA.

The Maharaja of Patiala arrived at Calcutta by the morning special train. His Highness was accompanied by Prince Ranjitsinghji and most of the high officers of the State. There was a large ollowing besides, and four houses in Chowringhee, Wood street, have been engaged, where his Highness is staying with Prince Ranjitsinghji. No. 2 London Street has also been engaged. The Maharaja's stay in the city is likely to be prolonged, as the Patiala team which arrived on Monday intend playing several cricket matches here. The team comprises Messrs. Brockwell, Hearne and Priestley, besides K. Mistri, B. Billimoria, A. H Mehta, Menakram and Manzoor Mahomed. The Maharaja himself is a member of the team and his brother Koer Saheb; but whether the latter will play in the Calcutta matches is uncertain. A large gathering was present on the Howrah plat. form to welcome the party, especially Prince Ranjitsinghji.

SIR WILLIAM LOCKHART'S ARRIVAL AT CALCUTTA.

Sir William Lockhart, Commander-in-Chief, arrived at Calcutta by the morning special train from Lucknow at] thirteen minutes past 10, accompanied by Lady Lockhart, Brigadier-General Gaselee, Colonel Duff, Military Secretary, Captain Haldane, A.-D.-C., Major Money, Interpreter and Captain Beyts, as Surgeon. The arrival was public. Among those present on the platform to receive His Excellency were General Luck Commanding the forces in Bengal and Staff, Brigadier-General Wodehouse, Commanding the Presidency District and the whole of the district staff, Captain Agnew, A. D. C., to the Commander-in-Chief who preceded the party, Captain Bakercar, A.D.C., representing the Viceroy, Captain Horsford, A. D. C., representing the Lieutenant-Governor, and all officers commanding regiments in garison A guard of honour consisting of 100 rank-and-file, 1st Gloucestershire Regiment under Captain Fyffe, with band and colours was drawn up outside the station. His Excellency was received by General Luck and Brigadier-General Wodehouse, and outside the station a guard-of-honour received His Excellency with the customary honours, while the band played a lively march. His Excellency walked down [the line and after closely inspecting the guard Sir William and Lady Lockhart entered Government House. The carriage was escorted by a squadron of the 7th Bengal Cavalry and drove to Fort William. The Bengal police lined the roadway from Howrah station to Calcutta, at the end of the bridge. There was a very large gathering of spectators, chiefly natives. who assembled outside the station to witness the arrival.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NOTIFICATION

Mr. Smythies, Conservator of Forests on returning from leave on the 14th proximo is posted to Burma where he probably relieves Mr. Hill, who is likely to get Dehra School Circle, vice Gamble retiring. Mr Nisbet, Conservator of Forests, has applied for a year's extension of leave at home.

MR. FANSHAWE, DIRECTOR-GENERAL POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Fanshawe, Director-General Postal Department, is expected at Calcutta on Saturday. He is still suffering from his arm which was broken last month

SIR GEORGE ROBERTSON OF CHITRAL FAME.

Sir George Robertson of Chitral fame, is due back from furlough by the vessel which brings Lord Curzon.

MR. W. MAXWELL AS POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Mr. W. Maxwell, I.C. S. of the Lower Provinces Service, will officiate as Postmaster General Bombay, from the beginning of the year 1899.

PARSEE CRICKET AT SECUNDERABAD.

VICTORY FOR THE HOME TEAM.

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 21.

The three days' match of the Bombay Parsees vs. Secunderabad, closed at 1 p.m., to-day. Secunderabad scored 206 for 6 wickets down in the second innings and beat the Parsees by two runs and four wickets. Sergeant Green, scored 107 alone.

FROCKS AND FASHIONS.

SOME SMART BALLS.

(BY A LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Dec. 2.

I have been having a delightful time since I last wrote to you, for I have been staying in Nottinghamshire and had the good fortune to be taken to both the balls. You know one was given by the Duchess of Newcastle, the other by the Duchess of Portland. Clumber is a noble pile of buildings, filled with exquisite pictures and articles of *vertu* celebrated all the world over. The Duchess is a clever woman, a keen rider to hounds and a great lover of dogs The grand hall, with its famous Napoleon, by Canova was chosen for the ball room, the marble pillars had long lines of moss carried all down them, interspersed with beautiful flowers and entwined with festoons of evergreens. It was a truly magnificent sight, with the balcony fringed with flowers and the marble staircase banked with blooms at every flight.

The Duchess, in red velvet, with a tiara of diamonds and a marvellous bow-brooch of the same precious stones received her guests in the state drawing room, where the most beautiful orchids were banked at convenient angles. The lighting, and the music were perfect, and no one present will ever forget the entrance of the Royal party from Welbeck, when the guests formed a double line to do them honour, the band of the Royal Artillery playing "God save the Queen." The Duchess of Connaught was in white with *chaux* of black velvet and a knot of pink roses with buds and foliage; she wore very fine diamonds But the Duchess of Portland, who is so tall and fair and stately, made quite a sensation as she came into the room, and a hum of admiration followed her wherever she went. She looked really lovely in white satin and silver, with a great coronet of diamonds on her head, and instead of her usual malmaisons, she had lilies of the valley as a bouquet de corsage.

Lady Helen Vincent and her sister, Lady Ulrica Duncombe, were two of the most beautiful women in the room, but there were of course many other lovely beings. Lady Marjorie Carrington in white, looked very pretty and had a lovely colour from the Highland air, and Miss Muriel Wilson was charming in soft black. In the supper room there was a grand display of gold plate, and everybody was able to be served at pretty florally decorated tables and enjoy the excellent menu. I was specially interested in the Duchess' own sitting room, which gave evidence of her literary and artistic pursuits filled with lovely flowers and pretty pictures and any number of books.

One day's rest and then came the Welbeck ball. Now I can assure you Welbeck Abbey on fete is something to see, and although there was a dense fog, the avenue, which is several miles long, was illuminated and spread with white sand, giving a most fairy-like appearance. The ball room, and indeed the whole suite of rooms used for the entertainment were under ground, brilliantly lighted with electric light. A mountain of palms and flowers surrounded Gottlieb's Band, and the floral decorations, which were carried out by the Welbeck staff, baffle description. All the rooms in the house were to be seen, and the display of gold and silver plate was quite like a vision of Aladdin's Palace, while on one of the buffets all the Duke's racing trophies and great vases covered with figures were grouped together, and there were superb gold candlesticks on the large centre table at which the Royalties supped. The beautiful hostess wore white satin embroidered with exquisite hand-worked silver tracery and clouds of superb lace, a high medici collar of lace, much stiffened with silver, and her favourite malmaisons; she also wore the famous Bentinck necklace and tiara of huge sapphires and diamonds, and a jewelled zone. The Duchess of Connaught was in pale pink lilac satin with fine lace and a great crown and necklace of diamonds, her finest jewels. Lady Helen Vincent was beautiful in white, and wore an original and most becoming classical band of diamonds round her hair instead of a tiara. The diamonds worn by the Duchess of Newcastle and Princess Lowenstein were especially fine, and Lady Dudley wore beautiful rubies.

I am sorry to say the saddest reports are afloat concerning the Duke of Teck. It is said that his brain has succumbed to the shock caused by the death of the Duchess, and that the case is so hopeless, that he must not be left without observation night or day. There has been some talk of removing him to a private house in a secluded neighbourhood, where undivided attention can be given to him. The poor Duchess of York, who has our sincere sympathy is very naturally in the deepest grief at the unexpected turn her father's illness has taken.

I hear that the Queen's health has improved marvellously during her stay at Balmoral. When she went north she was troubled with a severe form of rheumatism, which entirely disappeared in the bracing atmosphere, and since her return to Windsor she can walk as easily as a lady of her age can expect. There will be a large gathering of the members of the Royal Family at the Castle on Tuesday, December 13th and on the morning of the 14th the Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales, Duke and Duchess of York and the other Royal Guests will attend the usual memorial service at the Mausoleum. It is understood that there will be no Christmas parties at Osborne this year, but Princess Henry of Battenberg is arranging a series of charades for the young members of the Royal household, but these will be entirely confined to the family circle. To make up for the lack of entertainments, and general jollity' the Queen's humbler tenants and employes at Osborne, Frogmore, Windsor and Balmoral will this year receive a larger number of seasonable gifts. The Qneen's bill this Christmas for blankets, coal, bread, and beef for distribution to the poor, will it is said be double the amount usually expended.

Fashion, at the present moment, smiles especially on tall, slight figures; and we English girls are having it all in our favour. One must be poplar-like to wear becomingly the present long cape reaching to the knees, and closely resembling the Dolman of yore, or the round cloak of forty years ago. A warm and charming garment is the Russian tunic in caracut trimmed with sable, or in dark cloth adorned with astrakan, it is girt at the waist crossed at the side, covering to the ankle the "sheath" skirt which peeps a few inches below. The waistband is gilt and encrusted with precious stones. Quite one of the most delightful combinations of fur yet seen is a sealskin coat, with the high collar and full folding revers of chinchilla, with muff to match. The coat fits the figure perfectly and is rounded away in front, fastening at the waist with a large tortoiseshell and gold button, and falling in full pleats at the back; the jabot of old lace, falling between the revers, making a pleasing finish. The newest muffs are made much longer than they were worn last year, and narrower; the fur is often frilled at the top, and shows a lining of bright colour in any shade that harmonises or contrasts with the dress; the same note of colour being repeated in the toque. If lace is used it matches that used on the jabot and is always an improvement.

Fur is used very much in millinery, grey feathers and chinchilla form a favourite combination, also brown feathers and sable. Hats are still low-crowned and have the feathers standing out from the centre on each side, making the necessary width of headgear—with fur, lace is almost always introduced—a curious but charming combination. The colours of the moment are a blue purple which shades off into lavender; string colour toned off into rich brown, with bright touches of vivid orange, and the new dahlia red which is a delightful colour, shading into dark claret. Cerise for brightening purposes is a great deal used, and a remarkably vivid green. Toques, except for the really elderly, have superseded bonnets, that nothing new has been noticed just lately. The skirts are lighter than ever over the hips, and they widen out below the knees into full folds, which makes easy walking rather impossible, and nothing can be more ungraceful or undignified than the shuffles they necessitate. I suppose too that it was a foregone conclusion that when the huge full sleeves were discarded, the extreme of very tight sleeves should follow. The sleeves of the most recent model gowns have neither epaulettes nor puffs on the shoulders, and fit so closely that they are buttoned on the inside of the arm up to the elbow, and the hand is put through them, circulation being often impeded. Evening dress sleeves do not exist—only straps of velvet, or jet, or jewelled galon for full dress, —for less festive occasions elbow sleeves are worn, and these are far more becoming, certainly to women past their first youth. But a woman who studies the fitness of things rather than the extreme of fashion, will only adopt the modes that are suitable to her own individuality, the foolish multitude follow blindly the newest styles regardless of appearances.

In pursuit of ideas wherewithal to clothe myself I went to see "The Manœuvres of Jane." I did not care for the piece much, so had all the more time to devote myself to the frocks. Now "Jane" with all her faults knows how to dress, and I fell in love at once with a visiting gown of caterpillar green, lined with a very pale shade of blue; the skirt had an extremely pointed tablier and hung beautifully, the bodice was plain behind, the drapery in front fastened by one square silver-buttoned tab across a lace vest, the revers were green, with narrow white ribbon lines and silver buttons, and her hat was white trimmed with chinchilla and white plumes, a choux of rose colour resting on her hair. The waistband was scarf-like in form, mirror velvet in materials and fringed at the ends. Act II we see our friend Jane (Miss Winifred Emery) in a charming dinner dress of pink glace silk; the skirt which opened in front to show a flowered petticoat, was edged with bands of sable and tiny ruches of pink silk. The bodice was three-quarter and draped over a high vest of fine lace; the sleeves were long and of the same lace, the waist band of black velvet. Short stoles of lace and silk hang on each side; altogether Jane looked charming all through her manœuvres, her tantrems, her cajoleries. "May she live long and be happy."

On Saturday the directors of Claridge's Hotel invited a gay company to inspect the new building which is now opened. It is a grand pile, and is most wonderfully decorated. The drawing-room, like all the rest of the ground floor is Georgian; two enormous mantelpieces facing each other, were on this festive occasion transformed into beds of orchids of vivid mauve tone, and in the Grand Hall, where every body lingered, there were overhanging palms banked with flowers. The first and second floors were devoted to Royal and private suites, where you might lead a home life in the midst of a multitude. The fitments were perfect, and I could suggest no better opportunity of studying all the novelties in decoration and furniture. Many suites had loose covers to the chairs and couches in brocade; the quilts were of silk moreen, the centre Renaissance lace. Electric lights were placed beside every bed; indeed the force of beauty and luxury, could go no further.

To judge by the weddings the country is prospering greatly, for hardly have there ever been more announced, and they are in fact quite floral triumphs now. St. Peter's, Eaton Square, is a most beautiful edifice, and perhaps it is on that account that it is so popular for marriages. The decorations as to flowers are confined to the chancel screen, and at a marriage this week, enormous palm crept up high from a bed of lovely chrysanthemums. During the signing of the register on this particular occasion, four nieces and cousins of the bride, in the persons of little children, handed round button holes of violets and white heather, tied with ribbon grass, which we hope will bring good luck to the happy pair. The number of wedding presents was enormous, but though I looked round carefully I could find nothing new; they were beautiful and valuable gifts, but not novel. Perhaps it would be difficult to improve on old models.

DIPLOMATES IN AGRICULTURE,

THE EXAMINATION STATUS CHANGED.

TO EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE"

Sir,—About 350 students this year passed the Previous Examination. Many will proceed further and gain a University degree. It may be of interest to know that the students who take up the Agricultural Course and pass the Diploma in the Agriculture Examination, under the new rules can gain admission to Government employment in the Revenue Department under precisely the same conditions as regards prospects and promotion as other degree holders. There are no guaranteed appointments for Diplomates in Agriculture in the Revenue service, but students during the Agricultural Course are specially trained for Revenue work, and good men who pass well in the final examination will possibly find less difficulty in getting into Government Employment in minor appointments than other degree holders. Although there are certain Revenue posts for which Diplomates in Agriculture may be specially fitted, still promotion to such posts need not be expected except by steady good work. The Agricultural classes at the College of Science, Poona, are intended to train students for Revenue work rather than as Agriculturists. Students' quarters are provided on the Government farm Kirkee. Attention to practical details of farm management is insisted upon. A certain number of scholorships are available for the best students as they enter and to the most successful students in each term. Further information can be obtained on application to the Principal, College of Science.—Yours, &c,

J. W. M.

NOTES FROM AHMEDABAD.

Mr. L. M. Wadia, barrister-at-law, with eleven other members of the Municipality, sent in a protest to Mr. Manibhai Premabhai, the president of the Municipality, against the election of Mr. Keshavlal Motilal Vakil as vice president, on the ground that the president ought to have given his casting vote when at the first meeting, the voting resulted in a tie. Hence it is thought by the members presenting the protest that the holding of the second meeting is illegal The District Municipal Act is no doubt clear on the point that the "president shall give a casting vote" &c. The question raised is a mere technical one and if the party goes to the District Court for redress, it will only compel the president to give his casting vote. If it be so ruled by the court, it is quite clear in whose favour the casting vote of the president will go at the present juncture, No decision is passed upon the protest by the president as yet. Guzerat College passed two lady candidates in the previous examination this year. Up to this time from the Guzerat College, four female candidates successfully passed the same examination. The former two being Miss. Bayabai Keshavrao Pandit and Mrs. Vidya Ramanbhai Mahiputram. Both are candidates for the ensuing B. A. examination of the Bombay University. The ladies who passed the previous examination are Miss Jerbai Ardesir Karanjawalla and Miss. Sardu Gopilal Dhru. The latter is a high-class Nagar lady, who passed this year in Sanskrit and the former a Parsee, in the French language. Miss Jerbanu intends to join the Grant Medical College in order to study medicine.—Dhula Ada, a Koli residing at Akhdole, in the taluka of Nadiad, was charged with arson and tried by Mr. Fry and assessors, in the sessions-court on Thursday last. The evidence led by Mr. Desaibhai Kalidas, Government Prosecutor, showed that the accused in October last went up to the roof of the house of one Gema Beehar, the complainant and placed a fire-brand in order to ignite the building. It is alleged that damage to the extent of Rs. 800 was caused to On the conclusion of the case the prosecution, it was shown by the defence that the prosecution utterly failed to prove any motive against the complainant in order to fire the house; that looking to the great height of the building in question it is very difficult to ascend and descend the place without causing serious risk to one's life. One eye-witness was produced by the prosecution, who was not believed by the learned Judge. The court, in a lengthy judgment, delivered on Saturday last held the offence not proved and ordered the discharge of the prisoner from custody.—The weather is delightfully cool, the thermometer falling to 60 in the morning and rising to 75 in the noon. The public health is excellent, no cases of fever epidemic occurring here.

THE BOMBAY UNIVERSITY.

RESULTS OF THE M. A. DEGREE.

The result of the **M. A.** examination was declared yesterday evening. Of the twenty-nine candidates who presented themselves for the examination thirteen are declared to have duly passed, four in the first class and the rest in the pass class. The following are the names of the successful candidates :—

FIRST CLASS.

Lalkaka, Ardeshir Dhunjishah	Merchant, R Narandas
Masani, Rustomji Pestonji	Tyebji, Hasan Budrudin

PASS CLASS.

Chhapchane, K Ramchunder	Modi, Rustom Phirojshah
Desai, Bhulabhai Jivunji	Sathe, hankar Gopil
Dhabur, Bomanji Nasservanji	Vachha, Rustomji Bejunji
Dharadhur, S Ramchunder	Vakil, Pestonshah Nasservanji
Gorwala, Rutonji Eurdunji	

Mr. Bomanji Nasservanji Dhabur who passes in the first class gets J. N. Petit Zend scholarship.

The petition of Mr. Leonard S. Outram, actor and dramatist, for a divorce on the ground of his wife's misconduct with Mr. W. Berts Thomas, actor, was heard before Sir Francis Jeune, on Nov. 29. The suit was undefended, and the jury awarded £800 damages. His lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs. The respondent is known in theatrical life as "Florence Ivor."

GRAND CYCLE CARNIVAL.

When towards the end of 1897 an enthusiastic biker had the temerity to propose a Bicycle Carnival during the then approaching Christmas week there were not a few wanting who pooh poohed the idea as either ridiculous or impracticable. The seed of suggestion had, however, apparently fallen on good ground and gradually but surely the idea bore fruit with wheelmen generally, meetings were called and there was every indication by the end of the year of the suggestion becoming a fact. Disunion then crept into the ranks of the promoters and the Carnival all but shared the fate predicted of it by its pessimistic opposers, The B. V. Artillery C. C. however proved its saviours and in conjunction with the Old Bombay C. C. the Wellington C. C. and the G. I. P. Railway C. C. the preliminaries were arranged and finally the Carnival became a *fait accompli* on the 4th February 1898. It was the first of its kind in India and though there were a few drawbacks evidently born of inexperience, it was generally conceded on all sides that the promoters deserved the thanks of the general public for the success with which the show was carried through. About two hundred cyclists took part in that Carnival and the combined scenic effect of the varied costumes and lighted machines as they passed up the Queens Road in a grand parade proved unique in the extreme, and a revival of the pageant was loudly called for this year. The display therefore which took place on the Marine Lines last night was the second Cycle Carnival held in this city and was managed by a special selected Committee of the members of the Bombay Cyclists union with the defects of last years show fresh on their memories. The Committee remedied almost every drawback and the pageant was in every respect a perfect success, The grounds were enclosed with tent kanaths and well illuminated with Chinese lanterns and buttees The quarter mile course being used for the cyclists parades, and the musical ride. In comparison with the last Carnival the present was in the matter of members a good deal smaller, while on the other hand the costumes were decidedly more varied and artistic. The following were among the most taking, Mrs, and Mr. MacAlpin, Advocates past and present; Green as grass. Miss Flynn. Reflections; Mr. Hack; a starry night, Miss Hack, tea set; Miss Bemston, the popular kitchener; Mr. J. B. Allen, Klondyke; Mr. Walton, the triple alliance, England; Mr. Low, America; Miss Law and Japan Mr. Low (junior). Restored (Queen's statue) Mrs. Claridge and Leda (the swan) Mrs. Downing.

After the parade and judging were finished, twenty-four of the members of the B. V. Rifle C. C. performed the musical ride at the conclsion of which Mrs. Reddie distributed the prizes to the various competitors, as under.

Ladies' Competition.—For the best costume and most effectively decorated and illuminated Lady's bicycle.

Miss Beniston, "Tea set"	1st prize
" Bromley, "Perriot"	2nd "
" Hack, "Starry night"	3rd "

Ladies Bicycle Competition—For the best and most effectively decorated bicycle.

Mrs Downing, Leda

Gentlemens' Competition—For the best costume and most effectively decorated and illuminated bicycle :—

Mr Lionel Burrows Satan	1st prize
Mr Sassoon Nissen	2nd "
Mr F Beniston	3rd "

Gentleman's Bicycle Competition.—For the best illuminated and decorated bicycle :—

Mr Lionel Burrows

Affinity Competition.—For lady and gentleman in the best matched character costumes :—

Mr and Miss Bromley

COMIC COMPETITION

Mr J Barclay "Monkey Brand".

CONSOLATION PRIZE.

Mr. Radcliffe—Vice Versa

The following presided as Judges :—Mrs. Leslie, Genl. Ventris, Mrs. Reddie, The Hon. Justice Russel and Mr. Playford Reynolds.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending, 6 a. m., yesterday give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Southern, Fort Northern and Esplanade	5	2	4
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Gomerkhadi and Dongri	4	2	14
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Panaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbarwada	7	3	1
D Kamatwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmi	1	0	9
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	7	0	24
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	8
G Mahim and Worli	2	0	6
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	13	19
Total	26	20	101
Total plague deaths to date	32,429	28,506	
Same date last year	37	27	125

PLAGUE PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

PASSENGERS FROM MADRAS TO CEYLON.

The Colonal Secretary, Colombo, writes as follows to the Government of Madras :—"I am desired by His Excellency the Governor to state that it appears from inquiries made that the public erroneously believes that arrivals from Madras are liable to detention at Tuticorin prior to their being permitted to come over to this island and to inform you that this is not the case, as Madras is not an infected port."

PLAGUE RETURNS FROM THE MADRAS DISTRICTS.

The Collector of Kurnool reported on Monday that the second suspected case at Maddikeral has been proved to be a real plague case, which ended fatally. One suspected case at Dhone, probably imported from Bangalore, is also reported to have proved fatal. There was one fresh case at Kotala, and a woman who is ill is under observation as a suspected case. There have been three indigenous cases at Hindupur. At Molagavalli there have been one attack in the village and 5 attacks and one death in the fields. In the same place and old case in the fields reported for the first time proved fatal. Two persons in Hospet Camp have developed symptoms of plague; they are apparently contacts of indigenous cases previously reported. The child reported to be suffering from plague has died. There have been one seizure and 6 deaths in Mattigiri.

The Palagua Deputy Collector at Guntakal reports one fresh attack at Guntakal village, and one in the Railway quarters, No fresh cases are reported from Koala, while four old cases there have terminated fatally. The reports from Bellary announced 3 attacks and 2 deaths in the fields at Molagavalli. One case found near the village of Molagavalli on the 14th is reported to have proved fatal in the Hospital. The Collector of Chingleput telegraphs that the plague patient at Conjavaram died yesterday morning. The Collector of Bellary telegraphs that four persons, two adults and two boys, arrived from Molagavalli on the 10th instant at Sirigeri, Bellary Taluq, 21 miles North of Bellary. They received passports and were observed by the Station House Officer. The two adults left for Molagavalli on the 13th, On the same night one of the boys was attacked with fever, accompanied by vomiting and purging, and died early on the 14th, probably of plague. The contacts are all segregated and the disinfection of houses is being proceeded with The Tahsildar reached the spot on the 15th and the Divisional Officer on the 17th. Their report is greatly delayed and the matter is under enquiry. The Collector of Salem telegraph, that Veerasami Asari, the father of Kuppammah deceased, was detained at Jollarpet and has developed plague. Madar Saheb's wife at Vaniambady has been attacked with plague, imported from Bangalore; Ibrahim Sahib a passenger from Banglore, was detained at Jollarpet on the 15th instant. He has developed plague. The Collector of Kurnool telegraphs that there has been one fresh attack at Maddikera. It is reported to be an indigenous case.

It is certain that the German Emperor had all along intended to visit Malta during his recent tour, although it has been given out that his trip was merely a sudden fancy. The Emperor (says *Truth*) was invited by Sir John Hopkins to luncheon on board the flagship, and, to the amazement of the Admiral and his officers, His Majesty reached the Ramilles arrayed in the full uniform of a British Admiral of the Fleet, so that he had providently included that grab in his wardrobe when he originally quitted Berlin. An Admiral of the Fleet is entitled to various salutes and honours, which, of course, could not be rendered; and, for the time, the Emperor actually became the senior officer on the station.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

The usual weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. Ibraim Rahimtulla in the chair. There were also present: Mr. T. W. Cuffe; Mr. G. W. Roughton; Mr. R. H. Vincent; the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhai Visram: Drs. Cawasji Hormusji; Ismael Janmahomed; A. G. Viegas, and N. N. Katrak; Messrs. K. M. Shroff; Mulji Bhawanidass Barbhaya; K. N. Kabraji.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RE-ORGANIZATION SCHEME.

The Committee considered letter from the Commissioner, dated the 30th November 1898. It stated :—"I have the honour to state that in the current year's Budget the following extra provision has been made in connection with the Public Health Department Re-organization Scheme for the removal of Town-sweepings from different parts of the city.

	Rs.
1 Construction of 140 scavenging carts at Rs. 100 each	14,000
2 Purchase of 1651 pairs of bullocks at Rs. 185 per pair.	30,525
3 Feed of 165 pairs of bullocks at Rs. 25 per pair per month ..... Rs. 45,540	
Extra rations to weak bullocks, 15 per cent. of strength, 24 pairs, at Rs. 4-2-0 per pair per month ..... " 1,188	
	46,728
Total Rs.	91,253

2—In consequence of the difficulty of obtaining good bullocks suitable for our work, owing to famine and other causes, it has not been found possible to purchase the animals. We have had in consequence to hire labour carts from the cart contractors for the removal of town-sweepings. The charges on this account amount to about Rs. 14,000 a month or Rs. 1,68,000 per annum. 3.—The carts to be constructed under the Re-organization Scheme, I am instructing the Executive Engineer to put in hand at once. 4.—I am also instructing the Executive Health Officer to take the necessary steps for the purchase of the bullocks required, so that there may be no delay in putting the new scheme into operation as early as practicable. Until such time, however, as we get our own carts and bullocks they will have to be hired. As stated in para. 2 above, the yearly charge approximates Rs. 1,68,000. Rs. 71,000 out of this total estimated cost can be met from savings in the ordinary extra grants for feed of bullocks, A—Scavengering, Section 3, Conservancy Branch. The balance of Rs. 97,000 will have to be met by a transfer from savings in other grants of the Health Department as shown in the accompanying transfer statement, to which I have therefore the honour to request the sanction of the Standing Committee and the Corporation."

The consideration of the item was adjourned for a week.

INCREMENT OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S SALARY.

The Committee considered memorandum from the Commissioner, dated the 7th December 1898, forwarding the papers regarding the increment of salary due for the ensuing year to Mr A Fairlie Bruce, Deputy Executive Engineer, Water Works. Mr. Bruce stated as follows :—Unfortunately a difference appears to exist between the annual increment attached to the salary of the Water Engineer as stated in the Budget and my understanding of the conditions under which I was engaged, as stated in the "particulars" furnished to me by Mr. Rienzie Walton. As you will observe in para 1 of this document (a copy of which is attached) the length of the appointment is stated at about three years. In para 3 the salary is given as Rs. 800 per month, rising to Rs. 1,000 by annual increments. Now I submit that having no other information to guide me, the natural construction to place on these statements was, that the salary was intended to rise by annual increments of Rs. 100 per month; as otherwise it would be impossible for me to enjoy the maximum figure within the period stated as the probable duration of the engagement. The increment as given in the Budget is Rs. 66 2-3 per month, requiring a period of three years to elapse before the maximum is reached, and appears to me to be contrary to the terms of the abovementioned document." The Commissioner stated his opinion that Mr. Bruce was undoubtedly led by the particulars furnished to him to believe that his salary for the three years' service guaranteed would subject to approved service be Rs. 800, 900, and 1,000 respectively. On the motion of Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Fazalbhai, the Committee sanctioned the increase.

A GENEROUS OFFER FROM MR. ADAMJI PEERBHAI.

The Committee considered resolution of the Corporation dated the 8th December, as follows:—"That the letter from the Commissioner, dated the 21st November 1898, forwarding with his remarks, copy of a letter to his address, dated the 25th August 1898, from the Executive Engineer, who reports on the disfigurement and subsequent restoration of the statue of Her Majesty the Queen-Empress, be recorded. "That the Commissioner be requested to convey the thanks of the Corporation to Mr. Adamjee Peerbhoy for his handsome donation of Rs. 5,000 for the cost of restoring the statue. "That with regard to para. 2 of his letter the Commissioner be informed that the Corporation desire that the bust be completed and set up in the Council Hall on a suitable pedestal.

The matter was referred to the Commissioner for report.

ADDITIONAL GRANT FOR STORE AND WATER SUPPLY.

The Committee resolved to recommend to the corporation to sanction an additional grant of Rs. 30,000 from surplus cash balance to meet the excess in the grant for stores and water supply. Workshop's Budget, (Circulated herewith,)

PUBLIC CONVEYANCE LICENCE FEE.

The license fee for the public conveyances for the year 1899 was fixed as under: Victoria and two horses Rs. 63, Rekia with a pair of bullocks Rs. 20, Labour cart with a pair of bullocks Rs. 20.

After transacting some other bussiness the Committee adjourned.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the court, yesterday.

RE SANTRAMDAS KHUSHALRAI AND OTHERS.

The Hon. Mr. Lang, instructed by Massrs. Payne, Gilbert, and Sayani, on behalf of Shivram, a witness, applied that the order made on the 17th August last, directing the personal attendance of the witness, be set aside with costs. The learned counsel said that his client was a permanent resident of Karachi, and the persons who put the official Assignee in motion knew the fact perfectly well.

Mr. Jardine, on behalf of the Official Assignee, urged that his learned friend has no right to make the application, as the one month to which the matter was adjourned, expired on Wednesday last.

Mr. Lang: It was only 28 days on Wednesday last, and to-day is the first Wednesday on the expiration of the month.

His lordship, after hearing the arguments of counsel, set aside the order with costs.

RE DAYABHOY SARUPCHAND.

Mr. Inverarity, for a creditor, moved absolute the rule granted on the 10th ultimo, calling upon the insolvent to show cause why the order of discharge should not be set aside.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, in showing cause against the rule, said that the opposing creditor had not filed his grounds of opposition to the discharge of the insolvent.

Mr. Inverarity said his client had complied with all the rules of the court, and he should not be held liable for the wrong-doing of the court in not putting the insolvent's name in the list of opposed cases.

His lordship referred Mr. Inverarity to section 56 of the Insolvency Act, and the learned counsel, in reply, said that the section related to a review of the order, which was quite distinct from his present application for setting aside the order of discharge.

His lordship, after hearing the arguments of counsel, reserved his decision.

RE HEERACHAND MOHANSEY.

Mr. D. D. Daver, for the insolvent, moved for an interim order, Mr, Manker, for a creditor, opposed the application on the ground that the insolvent had concealed his books of account. His lordship granted an interim order till Friday, when the matter will be heard before his lordship in chambers.

RE BADROODIN SHARFOODIN.

Mr. Kursondas Chubildas, for the insolvent applied for an interim order. Mr. Dadysett, for a creditor oppossed the application and drew attention to the fact of the insolvent not having supplied copies of his affidavits within the time ordered by the court. His lordship refused the application.

RE MANEKJEE DOSABHOY VACHA.

Mr. Kothare, on behalf of the insolvent, applied for leave to serve notices and to amend the schedule, which was granted.

RE FRAMJEE COWASJEE DASTOOR.

Mr. Kursondas Chubildas applied for a rule *nisi* calling upon the creditors to show cause why the insolvent should not be granted his discharge. His lordship granted the application.

RE MOTABHOY EDULJEE.

Mr. Kothare applied on behalf of the insolvent for leave to serve notices and to amend the schedule. The application was granted.

RE CURSETJEE NOWROJEE.

Mr. Manker, on behalf of the insolvent, applied for an exteusion of the interim order for two months and for leave to amend the schedule and to serve notices. His lordship granted the application.

DISCHARGES.

The undermentioned insolvents were granted discharges :—Mohanlal Hiralal Ladd and another; John Andrew Gomes; Monjee Lowjee Khatree and others; Keshav Narayen Chowbal, Kabba Rama, Adamjee Allibhoy, and Adamjee Karrimbhoy.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S LEVEE.

The Levee held by His Excellency Lord Sandhurst in the Town Hall last evening was one of the most brilliant functions of its kind witnessed in Bombay for some years past. It was the fourth Levee held by His Excellency in Bombay since he assumed charge of the Government of Bombay in February 1895, the first Levee having been held on the 18th December, 1895; the second in the middle of December of the following year, and the third on the 8th December, 1897. The preceding three Levees were held at the New Secretariat; and yesterday's function was the first Levee that is known to have been held in the Town Hall for many years past An unusually large number of prominent citizens attended at the Town Hall yesterday to pay their respects to His Excellency Lord Sandhurst at what might be regarded as his last Levee but one in Bombay. Yesterday's gathering was a representative one of all classes of the community. Those having the Private Entree entered by the main stone staircase and were ushered into the presence of His Excellency, who, attended by members of his staff, stood on the west side of the grand hall, the chief officials, judges of the High Court, and others standing further off on the east and west sides. Those having the Public Entree went in by the southern entrance; and passing through the Durbar Room, were presented to His Excellency in the Grand Hall. The lobby and the ante-room were filled to their utmost capacity by 4-30 p. m., the time appointed for the Levee. Lord Sandhurst, attended by his Private Secretary and Captain Levett, aide-de-camp, arrived at the Town Hall shortly before the appointed hour, when the guard of honour of 100 rank and file of the Bombay Volunteer Rifles, under the command of Captain R. W. L. Dunlop, presented arms; and the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers Band, stationed in the public road opposite the main stone stair case played appropriate music. The arrangements in connection with the Levee were somewhat different from those of former years, and were carried out by the staff of His Excellency the Governor. Europeans entitled to the Private Entree were first presented to His Excellency by Major Owen, Military Secretary, while the native gentlemen were presented by Mr. Mirza Abbas Ali Baig, the Oriental Translator to Government. The presentation of the Naval and Military officers and Native officers of Regiments then commenced, those having the Public Entree following. Major Richard Owen presented the European gentlemen, while the natives were presented by Mr. Mirza Abbas

Smith, Mr F Y
Smith, Capt J W, B V R
Smith, Major S, R A
Solomon, Mr H
Stansfield, Mr L
Stanton, Major H E, R A
Stevens, Mr C
Stevens, Mr C F
Stevens, Colonel R A
Stevens, Mr T W, C I E
Stocker, Mr P, R N
Stranack, Mr F D
Strong, Mr H S, 9th B I
Symons Lieut H S, B L H
Theobar, Mr Percy
Thomson, Capt A Poona V Rifles
Thomson, Lieut H T P
Thompson, Mr R S
Towers, Mr G L
Tracey, Major A R A
Trevethick, Lt-Col, G I P R Vols
Trisott, Major
Turner, Asst-Surg A K
Turner-Jones, Major G, R E
Twigg, Mr H J R, I M S
Underwood, Dr E F
Vavasour-Lane, Major A R A, M C
Venon, Mr C
Viegas, Dr A G
Vinning, Mr F W J, R N
Vincent, Mr R H, B V R
Wadcombe, Capt, B B & C I R Vols
Wood, Mr T F W
Worden, Mr
Webb, Mr W
Webb, Mr G R
Westropp, Major G R C, ISC
Wiengartner, Rev I
Waters Lt Col, I M S
Watson, Mr J P
Walsh, Mr J
Wallace, Mr John
Wilson, Mr P R
Williams, Major Reginald, 25th Bo R
Wilson, Commander George, R I M
Wilkins, Lt Col I S, I M S
Wills, Major, R A M C
Wilson, Capt W G, B V A
Willson, Mr Walter, S J
Young, Mr W E
Young, Mr Elton
Young, Mr C P R

NATIVES.

Abdeali, M H Kajiji, Mr
Abdula Sayani, Mr
Abdul Karim Munshi, Mr.
A D Mody, Dr
Abdul Hussein Adamjee Peerbhoy, Mr
Abdoor Razzak bin Curtas, Mr
Ahmedbhay Habibbhoy, Mr
Ahmed Sayani, Mr
Anantrao Narayen Vasudev Mr
Anandrao R Talcherkar, Rao Bahadur
Badrudin Abdula Koor, Mr
Balaji Pandurang, Mr
Balkrishna Vinayek Vasudeo, Mr
Balkrishna Bhaskerao Pitale, Mr
Balkrishna Wasudeo Pandurang, Mr
Balkrishna Bhiwajee Tanajee Nakhawa Patel, Mr
Barjorjee Dadabhoy B Jeejeebhoy, Mr
Behramjee N Gamadia Mr
Bezonjee N Capadia, Mr
Bhagwandas Narottamdas, Mr
Bhaskarao Sewram, Chimburkar Mr
Bhaskarao Balkrishnaji Pitale, Mr
Bomanjee D Padumjee, Mr
Bomanjee B Patel, Mr
Bomanjee D Petit, Mr
Bomanjee B Darabsett, Dr
Byramjee N Servai, Mr
Byramjee Dadabhoy, Khan Bahadur
B N Horniedaler, Dr
Camrudin Amirudin, Mr
Chandulal Dayabhai, Mr
Cowasjee, Pestonjee Dr
Charrimbhoy, Ebrahim Mr
D D Davar, Mr
Dady D Ghandy, Mr
Dadabhoy Nusserwanjee Katrawala, Mr
Damodar Lakhmidas Mr
Darashah Dorabjee, Mr
Darashah Dorabjee Reporter, Mr
Darashah Ruttonjee Chichgar, Mr
D R D Gazdar, Dr
Dadabhai Sorabsha Munsiffna Mr
Dalpatram Pranjivandas Khakar, Rao Saheb
Dhakji Cassinathji, Rao Bahadur
Dharamsey Morarji Gokuldas, Mr
Dinshaw Muncherjee Punthakey, Mr
Dhanjeesha Dorabjee, Mr
D N Bahadurjee, Mr
Dewjee O Chothanee, Rao Saheb
Dhanjishah Hormasjee Karaka, Khan Bahadur
Dosabhai Cowasjee Patel, Dr
Dosabhai R Bardi, Dr
Dostmahomed Allana, Mr
Dorab Peshotanjee, Sunjana Dastur
Dwarkadas Dharamsey, Mr
E R Khote, Mr
Ebrahim, A Husein, Dr
Ebrahim Hajee Haroon, Mr
Edulji E Reporter, Mr
Ellapa Balaram Rao Bahadur
Fakirji Jewaji, Khan Saheb
Fazulbhoy C Gangji, Mr
Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Mr
Framjee Cowasjee Dady Limji, Mr
Framjee Dorabjee Panday, Mr
Framjee Shapurjee, Dr
F E Davar, Dr
Furdoonjee Jamsetjee Pavdhi, Mr
Furdoonjee Merwanjee Bannaji, Mr
Framjee Vasji V J Sunderji, Mr
Framjee Dorabjee Patel, Mr
Futehally, Shaikahmed, Mr
Ganpatrao Chintoba Tatia, Mr
Gordhandas Khattao, Mr
Govind Balajee Kher, Mr
Goverdhandas Gokuldas Tejpal, Mr
Gulambhoy, Allana, Mr
G B Prabhakar, Dr
G M Lalkissan, Mr
G S Rao, Mr
GN Sadkarni, Rao Saheb
Gulam Sathar, Mr
Hassan Badruddin Tyabjee, Mr
H C Coorlavala, Mr
Hirjeebhoy Cursetjee Bhandoogwala, Mr
Himalial Chhirajram, Rao Bahadur
Hormasjee Dorabjee Padumjee Mr
H J Dadysett, Dr
H J Kanhata, Dr
H J Rustomjee, Mr
Haji Jackeria Haji Ahmed Patel, Mr
Harrischandra Jugganath Gangaskar, Mr
H L Radliwalla, Mr
Hajeebhoy Lalljee, Mr
Hajee Mahomed Hajee Esmail, Mr
H N Seervkar, Dr
Hurkisondas Narrotumdas, Mr
Hasambhai R Khairaz, Mr
Hasan Sharfoodin Khalil, Mr
H Gilleman Abdul Wahed Mr
Harischandra Pandurang Pitale, Mr
Ibrahim Hajee Yoosof Hajee Esmail, Mr
Ibrahim M Sayani, Mr
Ismail Abdoolabhoy Lalljee, Mr
Ismail Jan Mahomed, Dr
Jaffer Rahimtoola Kaderbhoy, Mr
Jagmohandas Vandravandas Bhaiser, Mr
Jal S B Vakil, Dr
Jamshed M Doctor, Mr
Jamshedjee Mervanjee Antia, Mr
Jamsetjee Arbeseer Wadia, Mr
Jamsetjee N Tata, Mr
Janardas Damodar Kolatkar, Mr
Jeejeebhoy Framjee Petit, Mr
Jehangir Bomanjee Patit, Mr
Jehangir Eduljee Daver, Mr
Jijibhai Pestonji Nicholson Dr
Jivanjee Jamshedji Modi, Mr.
Jugmohandas Mungulcas Nathoobhoy, Mr
Jagmohandas Vurjivandas Mr
Jamsetji Cursetji Dubash, Mr
Junardhan Purshotumjee Mr
J M Framjee Patel Mr
Kaikhosro N Kabraji, Mr
Kaikhosaru F Modi Mr
Kaikobad Cowasjee Dinshaw, Mr
Kalabhai Lallubhai, Mr
Kalandas Keshavdas, Mr
Karsondas Chabildas, Mr
Kavasjee B Setthna, Mr
Kawasjee Dadabhoy H Dubash, Mr
Kawasjee Edaljee Dadachanjee, Dr
Kawasjee Merwanjee Set, Mr
Kazi Mohamad Ismailmal Chilmai Mr
Keshawrao Bhaskerjee, Rao Bahadur
Keshava K Acharya, Mr
Khoja Abdullah, Dr
Khimjee Ramdass Mr
Khunderao Morojee, Mr
Krishnalal M Jhaveri, Mr
Krishnarao Antoba, Mr
K B Shroff, Dr
K D Wadia, Mr
K G Desaie, Mr
K R Cama, Mr
K W Bhat, Mr
Lakhmidas Bhimji, Mr
Lalji Bhimji, Mr
Limji N Banaji, Mr
Lukhamsee Nappo, Mr
Madhavdas Gokuldas Pasta, Mr
Mahomed Hajeebhoy Lalljee, Mr
Mahomedbhoy Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Mr
Mahomedbhoy N Ebrahim, Khan Saheb
Mahomedbhoy N Khairaz, Mr
Manajirao Ragoojee, Mr
Munchershah Navrojee Kapadia, Dr
Manockjee Framjee Hormasjee Setna, Mr
Manockshaw J Taleyarkhan, Mr
Munmohandas Ramjee, Mr
Mirza Hoossein Khan, Mr
Mahomed Hussein Hakim Mr
Morojee Cashinath, Mr
Motilal Jamnadas Shroff Mr
Muljee B Barbhaya, Mr
Muncherjee, E Moris, Mr
Masina, Dr
M D Dadysett, Mr
M N Wadia, Mr
Nagesh, Wishwanath Pai, Mr
Nanabhai Sodanandji Kale, Mr
Narayan Raghunath, Mr
Narayan Vyaidya Rao Saheb
Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan Mr
Noordin Ebrahim Noordin, Mr
Nowroji D Dhakmarwala, Mr
Nowroji Jehangir Gumadia, Mr
Nuzzer Mohommed Futehally Mr
N A Moos, Mr
N B Colah, Dr
N K Lalkaka, Mr
N N Katrak, Mr
V V Mandlik, Mr
Omar Jumah Vuyani, Sardar
P B Joshi, Mr
Pestonjee Pallonjee Bhedwar, Mr
Pheeroze Hoshang Dastur Mr
Poorunmall Goolji Singhani, Mr
Purshotumdas Mungulcas Nathoobhoy, Mr
Purshotum Hurichand, Dr
Ragunathrao, B Malap, Mr
Rahimtoola Khairaj, Mr
Rastamjee M Patel, Mr
Ratanshaw Dadabhoy, Mr
Rehmoobhoy Allana, Mr
Ranchordas Vadravandas, Mr
Rupsing M Lowji, Mr
Rustomjee Byramji Jeejeebhoy Mr
Rustomjee Jamasji Ashburner Khan Bahadur
Rustom S Powvala, Mr
Rustomjee Jamsetji Jeejeebhoy, Mr
Ruttonsey Muljee, Mr
Ruttonshaw Temulji Nariman, Dr
R H Sethna, Mr
R K Dadachanjee, Mr
R N Ranina, Dr
S B Spencer, Mr
S D Bharucha, Dr
S H Khote, Mr
S G Velinker, Mr
S S Bathiwalla, Dr
S S Misser, Dr
Sadanand Trimbakji Kale, Mr
Shamrao M Rele, Mr
Shamrao Pandurang, Mr
Shantaram Jagannath, Mr
Shantaram Venayak Kankta, Rao Bahadur
Shantaram Vithal, Dr.
Shivaji Durmaji, Mr
Shridhar R Bhandarkar, Mr
Shridharrao Vithal Natu, Mr
Shrikrishna Wassodeojee Warekar, Rao Bahadoor
Sorabjee Dadabhoy H Dubash, Mr
Sorabjee Framjee Billimoria, Mr
Sorabjee Pallonjee Frenchman, Mr
Surrufally Mamoojee, Mr
Temuljee B Nariman, Dr
Tribhovandas Mungulcas Nathoobhoy, Mr
Tribhovandas Vurjivandas, Mr
Tulsidas, Lulloobhoy Mody Mr
Vamanrao Damodarjee Pitale, Mr
Vassanjee Trikumjee Mr
Vasudev G Bhandarkar, Mr
Vinayackrao Dhondiraj Biwalkar, Mr
Vinayak Sadanund Joshi, Mr
Vishnu Narayan Apte, Mr
Virchand Dipchand, Mr
Vussanjee Khimjee, Rao Saheb
Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey, Mr
Vussunjee Munjee, Mr
V M Pakvasa Mr
Wamanrao Nana Moroba Wandekar, Rao Bahadur
Withaldrao Krishnajee Wandekar, Rao Bahadur
Yusuf Abdulla Dharamsi Mr

The following gentleman were unavoidably prevented from attending the Levee :—

EUROPEANS.

Anderson, Mr G A
Binning, Mr
Blakeman, Mr W
Brown, Mr Paterson
Carnegy, Captain
Condon, Lieut H C, I S C
Chandler, Captain W, R I M
Douglas, Mr James
D'Monte, Dr D A
D'Aguiar, Mr J C
Hoene, Rev Father J, S J
Jennings, Captain W, E. R M S
Klingelhofer, Mr J
Leslie, Capt A, B V A
Muller, Professor
Plinst n, Mr G C
Ransome, Dr A C
Slater, Mr J Sanders
Sassoon, Mr Jacob
Turrier, Capt Allan F, B V A
Turner, Trevor Mr A J
Wallace, Mr Charles B
Watson, Mr Ralph, R I M

NATIVES.

Bomonji Cursetji Bhandupwala, Mr
Doabhoy Framji, Mr
Fazalbhoy Joomabhoy Lalljee, Mr
Hydari, Mr A
Mulraj Khatau, Mr

THE Villa dei "Cedri," at the Bagno a Repoli, near Florence, in which the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will reside during the winter, is (says the Florence correspondent of the *Daily News*) an old mansion, the history of which dates back some centuries. It stands about three miles to the east of Florence, on the left bank of the Arno, in the midst of a very rich and cultivated country, where fruit-trees, vines, and olives grow in abundance. On three sides of the villa are gardens, beyond which are large and fertile "poderi." It contains a large salon, on the walls of which are some good frescoes. In the fifteenth century the villa belonged to the Larioni family (related to the Pardi), from whom it passed to the Nasi family, an off-shoot of the Counts Guidi Singnori del Casentino. In 1678 Zatorzo Nasi left the villa as a legacy to the Jesuits, who kept possession of it till 1773, at which period the Jesuits were suppressed. In 1775 the Marchesi Corsi bought the villa from the Grand Duchess of Tuscany. The family of the Corsi afterwards sold it in 1834 to Captain Samuel Charters, a Scotchman and military man, who in his turn sold it in 1841 to Mr Light, whose heirs are still in possession of it. The present owner, Mrs. Light, is the widow of the late Captain Light, who was for some years secretary of the English Club in Florence.

THE PLAGUE COMMISSION AT HYDERABAD.

DR. LAWRIE'S EVIDENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, DEC. 19.

DR. LAWRIE, in giving evidence before the Plague Commission to-day, stated as follows :—

Precautionary measures have been in operation on the railway since the beginning of February 1897. The principle on which these measures are based is to be found in the Resolution of the Bombay Government No. 5772-5884, P. dated October the 17th 1898 :—

"Plague is conveyed by persons bringing the germ either in their bodies or clothing."

In accordance with this principle no persons who were suspected of being likely to bring the germ of plague into Hyderabad either in their bodies or clothing have been allowed to enter the city either by the Railway or by road. Medical inspections have taken place at Gulbargah, Wadi and Raichur, at which places observation camps have been maintained. Between Wadi and Lingampalli, the last station of the Nizam's State Railway into Hyderabad, inspecting Medical officers have travelled with every train, and if any person has been detected with fever he has been detained in an observation camp at Lingampalli, or has been forwarded to a dispensary in the city or suburbs for observation. A temporary bacteriological laboratory was established under the charge of Dr. Mullanah at Gulbargah.

GENERAL PRECAUTION AND DISTRICT WORK.

It has always appeared to be natural to destroy plague by fire. In June 1897, I travelled to England in the same steamer with Messrs. Lowson and Reade, the Hongkong Commissioners. Wishing to find out as much as possible about their experience of the disease, I asked them how the infection is spread. They said through the floor, and that people get plague from the virus contained in floor dust and sometimes from recently soiled clothing, as well as from grain which had lain in contact with infected floors.

The first cases of plague that occurred in the Nizam's dominions were three or four which were imported by the railway from Bombay. The bodies, clothing and bedding, and the huts in which all the imported cases were treated, were destroyed by fire, and the disease did not spread.

The first indegenous cases of plague which occurred in the Nizam's territory were reported in January 1897. The disease broke out in villages on the road from Sholapur leading towards Bidar and Hyderabad, the road followed by refugees from Sholapur, in which the plague raged in the latter part of 1896. Orders were at once issued to commence a campaign against plague in the Nizam's districts on the following plan :—

(1). The districts were placed under the immediate charge of a Deputy Plague Commissioner, Mr. A. H. Stevens ; (2). Troops were placed at his disposal, with a large staff of doctors, dressers and officers to search out the full extent of the outbreak. (3). Search parties were despatched on the main roads leading from Hyderabad towards Sholapur who inspected every one of the villages between the capital and the infected area. (4). Similar parties were despatched from Gulbargah with the same object. (5). A patrolled line was formed extending from the railway across the three roads leading into Hyderabad, for the purpose of detecting and stopping suspicious cases from the infected area. (6). Arrangements were made to place a double cordon of troops round Hyderabad for the purpose of notifying to the head of the Nizam's Police the names and addresses of all travellers into Hyderabad by road. (7) The difficulties we had to contend against may be estimated by what happened to the population of Sholapur. The normal population of Sholapur is 75,000. By the end of January, when the outbreak of plague in his Highness' dominions was a little over a month old, the population of Sholapur had dwindled down to 20,000. The 55,000 refugees, infected every village, British and Nizam's alike, in their line of flight. 55,000 refugees, many of them carrying the infection of plague in their bodies and clothing, had fled into Hyderabad territory. All the outbreaks of plague that have occurred since have been due to the same cause :—Importation of refugees from infected towns and villages in British India.

The measures adopted to stamp out the epidemic consisted in :—a. Evacuation of the infected villages. b. Destruction of the infection by burning the floors and walls (surfaces) of infected houses by fire.

c. Disinfection of useless clothing and bedding and clothing generally by boiling.

On the 22nd of February, arrangements having been completed for the protection of Hyderabad, I proceeded to join the Deputy Plague Commissioner at Ganjoti in the centre of the infected area. The inhabitants of all the infected villages were then out in camps, and everything was ready for the systematic disinfection of their houses and clothing. We had yet to justify the selection of fire and water as disinfecting agents by demonstrating the presence of the infection of plague in the floors and clothing of plague-stricken houses and people on the 25th of February, a chain bacillus indentical in appearance, with Yersin's photo-micrograph was found in scrapings from the floor of an infected house in the village of Sirsi, and disinfection by fire was accordingly commenced that day. The houses in which the bacillus was found were burned down and the villagers were compensated on the spot, the price paid for the houses being determined by a punchayet of themselves (vide page 169).

The following fortnight was spent in the camp of the Deputy Plague Commissioner at Ganjoti. All the infected villages were visited, and a great number of floors were examined and found to contain the same form of bacillus as had been discovered at Sirsi. The bacillus was found in the floors of many houses in which no deaths from plague had occurred. On enquiry it appeared that many houses besides those in which plague patients had died were infected owing to the custom among the villagers of carrying patients sick with plague about on short visits from one friend's house to another till they died. On the 6th of March rats were in oculated with floor scrapings in which the bacillus was found, and died with all the symptoms of plague, and the same bacillus was discovered in their glands and blood. The justification of disinfection of the floors by fire appeared to be complete, and our observations showed the infection to be so well spread that all the houses of an infected village must be treated in the same way.

During the time we were occupied in examinations of the floors, Mr. Stevens was engaged in perfecting the method of disinfection by fire. For several days kerosine oil was used, mixed with straw, dried cowdung, etc. Many accidental conflagrations attended these trials. At last on the 7th of March 1898, the Deputy Plague Commissioner introduced the kiln method of burning the floors, and thus ended all our difficulties. This plan has been in operation ever since, and will be described by the Deputy Plague Commissioner himself.

THE PROVED ADVANTAGES OF DISINFECTION BY THE KILN METHOD

of burning the floor surfaces, [and of burning and boiling bedding and clothing, are :—1. It destroys the infection of the disease. 2. It costs Government nothing, except for supervision. The people willingly employ it themselves under our trained agents and workers. 3. It is popular with the villagers and ryots. 4. It not only destroys infection, but it also destroys the food the plague microbe likes, and by which it is kept alive and toxic.

Under this system the people remain in their camps, and carry out the disinfection of their houses and property when they are told. There is no scattering of infected refugees to spread the disease all over the country. This is not only of Ganjoti, but also of epidemics in places widely separated in the Naldrug District, e. g., Kopbal and Lingasagur. After leaving Ganjoti, I proceeded to Bombay, in order to verify the observations on the plague bacillus. During April and May it was thought that plague had died down in the Naldrug area, but on the 13th of May, a fresh outbreak was reported at Aland and Alunga, two villages in the jagir of the Nizam's Prime Minister. In consequence of this outbreak

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which had been established at Gulbargah was transferred to Hyderabad, and on the 1st of June experiments on animals were undertaken with a view to verify finally the conclusions that had been arrived at regarding the presence of the plague microbe in infected floors. The results of these experiments are recorded in the yellow book. They proved that the plague bacillus can be separated from the dust of floors in plague-infected houses. These results have been confirmed by Dr. Leumann, who has also succeeded in separating the microbe from the floors of houses infected by plague. On the conclusion of the first series of experiments a second series was commenced, and is still going on, in order to test the effects of prophylactic inoculations. A "resume" of these experiments was put in.

They appear to prove, Dr. Lawrie said, that inoculation with small doses of Haffkine's fluid had little or no protective effect against subsequent inoculation with plague. In very large doses it produces fever and blood poisoning, which in two cases proved fatal, and in others caused abscesses and ulcerations. These effects of large doses of the fluid in rabbits afford considerable protection against plague. An examination of Haffkine's fluid shows that it is not a serum, but is a putrescent organic liquid, a putrid broth. It contains large numbers of micrococci of putrefaction and occasionally it has been found to contain pathaganic organisms. Seeing that the one aim and object of modern medicine is to keep micrococci and allied organisms out of the human body, and especially out of wounds, it appears to be manifestly improper, and directly at variance with correct surgical principles to inject any fluid containing them into the blood and tissues of healthy men. Nothing would induce me, since I have seen what it contains, to undergo inoculation with Haffkine's fluid nor could I conscientiously recommend it to my patients. European or Native. I have never performed operations on my class of patients without their express consent, and I do not consider it right to perform such an operation as inoculation with a fluid containing fluid organisms unless the patient clearly understanding its nature consents or requests to have it done. On the other hand, compulsory inoculation such as practised in India now, leads directly to the spread of plague by causing people to fly from their homes ; and on every ground it is not to be compared for a method of combating the disease with the destruction of the infection of plague by fire.

Dr. Lawrie was on Thursday closely examined by Professor Wright regarding the statement in his report to Government that the infection of plague could be traced by means of a microscope. He explained that the inoculation experiments which he had performed in plague-infected areas, and later on in Bombay and Hyderabad, were done solely for the purpose of confirming his observations with the microscope. He was next searchingly examined with reference to his statement that since he had discovered that Professor Haffkine's fluid contained organisms of putrefaction he could not under any circumstances recommend its use as a prophylactic against plague. Dr. Lawrie stated that he should have no objections, to the employment of the fluid, provided he could be certain that it was sterilized, though he should absolutely decline to recommend it without further experiments to show its effect after sterilization. His own experiments undoubtedly proved that when used in large doses. Professor Haffkine's fluid does protect rabbits to a considerable extent against the effect of subsequent inoculations with plague, but he would give no opinion as to whether this prophylactic effect was due to the organisms it contains, or to something else in the fluid.

Dr. Lawrie was next examined by Dr. Ruffer. He said he was aware that other bacilli closely resemble the plague bacilli morphologically, but he did not know that such bacilli were commonly found in water or in the soil, and that even if they were, their nature could readily be determined by cultivation and inoculation in animals. Dr. Ruffer asked several questions about the record of the experiments performed at Hyderabad, and pointed out several apparent discrepancies which were eventually explained by Dr. Lawrie. Dr. Lawrie then stated that since the previous meeting of the Commission a rabbit had died of plague which had been inoculated with floor scrapings containing the plague microbe, which had been brought from a house where plague had raged a month ago. The true plague bacilli of Kitasato was found in the blood and tissues of this animal, and the prepartions were shown to the Commission.

Mr. A. H. Stevens, the Deputy Plague Commissioner, gave evidence in the terms of his recently published report in the kiln process of disinfecting and on the value of evacuation. Drs. Johnstone and Mullanah followed and the Commission adjourned.

THE CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

SECOND MEETING.

A CONTEMPORARY publishes the following as a report of a meeting to which reporters were not admitted :—

The City Improvement Trustees met again for the second time yesterday afternoon at 3-30. Representatives of the Press were there and demanded to be present at the proceedings but were informed by the Chairman, prior to the opening of the proceedings, that they would not be admitted. They retired very much disappointed. This matter needs to be publicly agitated, for after all, the Trust is being administered in the intersts of the citizens ; and the citizens, who are to pay the piper, have every right to know how and in what manner the Trustees are managing their funds. In fact, the improvement Trust affects the sanitary welfare of the whole city and it is desirable that its proceedings should always be open, under such safeguards and limitations as the Trustees think necessary for the public. Important money transactions and contracts should, of course, not be discussed, but there is nothing to prevent the Press taking notice of all general business transacted by the Trustees.

STAFF OFFICERS.

The first important matter transacted was the schedule of staff of officers and servants of the Trust. As far as the "minor fry" were concerned there was nothing special to be said. But Mr. Wacha, who had taken objection at the previous meeting to the salary of the Chief Engineer, on the ground that it was extravagant compared with the quality of the work to be performed, dissented to the salary of the Secretary, fixed at Rs. 1,000, and also to that of the Assistant Engineer on Rs. 900 per month. He had originally objected to these appointments on two grounds, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, namely, that, on principle, applications for the two important posts should have been first invited ; and that the salaries were more than necessary for the work the posts carried, at any rate at the very outset. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola agreed with Mr. Wacha as to the post of the Engineer. He thought he was already a pensioner of the age 55, and in ordinary course he must retire from his duties. It would therefore be wrong to appoint him for a lengthy period, as his success or will have to acquire the experience that he may gain. For better to appoint a young person, who could serve for a long term of years. It was a wise and sensible suggestion. Dr. Viegas followed Mr. Ibahim's argument. Dr. Bhalchandra gave his adhesion to the original proposition, alleging as a reason that the Assistant Engineer was known to be a man "above suspicion" for integrity. After some discussion it was agreed that the Deputy Engineer be engaged for one year only. This would give breathing time to the Chairman to find out a capable and active young man. The resolution was agreed to, Mr. Wacha being the only dissentient on the ground that the principle on which the appointments were made were still unsound. The rest of the business was of a formal character and agreed to, Mr. David made the suggestion, which was assented to, that it was advisable for the better interests of the Trust to notify to the public the plots of vacant ground which are at present available to the Trustees for letting out on lease.

IMPROVEMENTS RESOLVED UPON.

The Trustees next proceeded to consider the proposals of three important projects of improvement resolved upon by the Improvements Committee. They are for laying out new streets and improving old ones. As it is generally understood that road openings through, from east to west, for purposes of better ventilation are a great necessity, the projects referred to have all been sketched on that assumption. The first scheme is for acquiring lands and buildings in Nagpada, which is most insanitary, and improving communications in that locality. About 93,457 square yards of land will be acquired, with proposed roads 4,530 feet in length. The through road, which runs east to west, will be 50 feet wide, and the branch roads will be 40 wide. The roads in all will occupy 21,500 square yards. The re-housing of the poor in this locality will be proceeded with tentatively. The entire cost of the project is estimated at 27 lakhs, but when the improvements are all completed the Trust will have new buildings valued at 5 1-2 lakhs and frontage lands for sale to the public equal to 72,000 square yards.

A NEW LINE OF STREETS.

The second scheme is for a new line of streets extending from the foot of the Carnac Bridge and running in a direct line due west through part of the Chuckla, Market and Dhobi Talao sections of C Ward to the Queen's Road, which it joins immediately south of the Hindu cremation ground. The plan includes the construction of four cross-roads running from the Esplanade Cross Road and Picket Road to New Hanuman Lane. Here, too, many insanitary tracts will have to be acquired. The total length of roads provided will be 6,172 feet. The total area to be acquired will be about one lakh yards, but of these 74,000 will ultimately be available for disposal by re-sale. This project, which is the costliest of the three, will cost 65 lakhs.

ANOTHER SCHEME.

The third scheme is for a through line of road, running due east and west, from the Elphinstone Bridge to the Queen's Road, near the level crossing at Chowpatty, traversing the Dongri and Umerkhadi sections. The length will be 9,000 feet and the width of the road will be 80 feet. The project involves the acquisition of two lakhs of square yards, of which 60,000 will be occupied by road surface. This scheme will cost 70 lakhs.

EXPENDITURE INVOLVED.

Thus in all, the three schemes involve under present estimates, which are somewhat hypothetical, the sum of 181 lakhs, say 2 crores of rupees. But it is estimated that eventually the liability to the Trustees will be only 66 lakhs. This, however, is a pure estimate and may undergo a considerable increase or decrease. As a member observed, the sale of frontages or the letting them out on lease is purely speculative—a "lottery." However, the matter is too premature for any practical consideration at the present moment.

After nominating Messrs. Macpherson, P. M. Mehta, and Mr. Scott as retaining counsel on behalf of the Trustees, the meeting separated. It was resolved that the monthly meeting shall in future be held on the first Monday in each month. It was also resolved that the Chairman should notify the three schemes by public advertisements as required under the Act.

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THE B. P. R. A. CENTRAL MEETING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 20.

THE following are the scores of the several matches which were shot off to-day :—

MATCH 22.—The Championship.—The aggregate of series made in Matches 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Officers may enter and fire in the championship series of Matches, competing for medals only, on payment of Rs. 12. Prizes. The Bo. P. R. A. Gold medal and Rs. 150, Bo. P. R. A. Silver medal and Bo. P. R. A. Bronze medal, Twenty prizes, aggregating value Rs. 650.

	Pts.
* Capt Wilson, B B and C I R Vols	277
† Sergt Taylor, 20th Hussars	273
‡ Qr Mr Sergt Lawther, Rl Ir Rifles	273
Sergt Booden, 20th Hussars	273
Gordon, Rl Ir Rifles	271
P/S Bishop, H M S Magdala	269
Sergt Major Scott, S M Ry, Vols	269
Cr Sergt Parr, 1st B B & C I Ry Vols	269
Sergt Major Scott, Rl Ir Rifles	267
Lce Sergt Moorhouse, 20th Hussars	267
Lce Corpl DeSouza, Poona Vols	267
Sergt North, 20th Hussars	265
Sergt Hewitt, Poona Vols	264
Cr Sergt Conyers, 1st B B & C I Ry Vols	261
Sergt Ramsay	263
Sergt Roberts, Durham Lt In	262
Pte Lawrance Do	261
Cr Sergt Loakman, Rl Ir Rifles	253
Sergt Horton Do	258
Pte Barry Do	258
Pte Watherston, Durham Lt In	257

a Won the Bo P R A Gold medal
b Won the Bo P R A Silver medal
c Won the Bo P R A Bronze medal

MATCH, 29.—The Championship. The Lieutenant General's Prize. Aggregate of matches 30 to 34 inclusive.

	200 yds	500 yds	600 yds	800 yds	900 yds	Tt
* Cr Sergt Parr, 1st B B & C I R Vols	30	30	33	29	24	146
P B Bishop, H M S Magdala	27	30	25	12	29	140
Capt and Adjt Wilson, B B & C I Vols	23	27	30	32	28	140
Sergt Major Scott, S M Ry Vols	27	27	30	26	24	136
Lce Corpl DeSouza, Poona Vols	27	23	34	25	22	133
Sergt North, 20th Hussars	27	19	29	30	29	134
Sergt Taylor, 20th Hussars	27	23	29	30	24	134
Cr Sergt Loakman, Rl Ir Rifles	27	28	27	25	25	133
Qr Mr Sergt Lawther, Rl Ir Rifles	26	31	29	23	24	133
Lce Corpl Bathgate, Royal Scots	23	27	26	27	29	132
P C Sawyer, H M S Magdala	25	26	28	24	25	128
Sergt Major Smith, 1st B B & C I R Vols	28	26	27	27	24	132
Sergt Hewitt, Poona Vols	28	26	30	21	27	132
Pte Denning, Royal Fusiliers	27	22	27	28	27	131

* Won Hyderabad R. A. Medal.

Competing for medal only.

MATCH 15—THE NAPIER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD—Open to teams of eight, Non-Commissioned Officers and men from any Regiment or Corps in the Bombay Command. The shield will be competed for annually. Distances 200, 500 and 600 yards. 200 yards standing, 500 kneeling, 600 any Military. Nine rounds to each distances, 7 to count.

	200	500	600	Tl
* Royal Ir Rifles	213	500	608	Tl
1st B B & C I Vol	216	214	222	649
20th Hussars	216	220	211	647
Royal Scots	202	199	218	633
Royal Fusiliers	197	176	203	621
H M S Magdala	191	185	197	576
Poona Vols	188	189	193	573
				570

* And Shield.

MATCH 43—The Napier Memorial Challenge Shield.—Open to teams of eight, Non-Commissioned officers and men from any Regiment or Corps in the Bombay Command. The shield will be competed for annually. Distances 200, 500, and 800 yards. 200 standing, 500 kneeling, 800 any Military. Nine rounds to fire, seven to count.

	200	500	800	Tl,
* 9th Bo Infantry	198	205	196	600
8th Do	195	198	194	592
14th Do	193	180	175	548
Meywar B C	202	184	158	544
7th Bo I	198	182	163	543
Krinpura Ir Fr	205	183	137	533
1st Bo Gr	195	200	137	532
23rd Bo Rifles	206	185	129	520
10th Do I	208	174	135	515
Deoli Irr Force I	203	159	129	507
Do II	197	179	107	495

* And Shield.

MATCH 47—THE CHAMPIONSHIP.—The aggregate in matches 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, and 62.

	Pts.
a Pte Hukamdad Khan, 8th Bo. I	258
b Cr-Hav. Manuel De Souza, 9th B I	254
c Cr-Hav. Sayyid Samsuddin, 15th B I	254
Hav. Deoli Gamle, 13th B I	253
Hav. Jocky De Souza, 9th Bo. I	252
Pte Babajee More, 19th Bo. I	251
Arjon Power, Bo S &	249
Sub Sayyed Hussain, 19th Bo. I	248
Pte Deoji Jadhav, 8th Bo. Grs	247
Sub Rana Nand, 2nd Bo. Grs	247
Jam Sk Abdul Kadar, 5th Bo. I	245
Jamar Sukro Harnia, 1st Bo. Gr	244
Hav Pandali Mari, Bo Sap and M	243
Hav Shaik Imam, 9th Bo. I	242
Hav Prithi Sing, 2nd Bo. Gr	242
L/Nk Bhawal Baksh Khan, Do	242

Three 3s counted out.

a Won Bo. P. R. A. Gold Medal.
b Won Bo. P. R. A. Silver Medal.
c Won Bo. P. R. A. Bronze Medal.

MATCH 62—The Championship. Presented by the Hon'ble Sirdar Khan Bahadur Padumjee Pestonjee. Distance 900 yards, Position any. Military.

	Pts.
Pte Babajee More, 19th Bo I	31
Chatjee, Deoli Ir Fr	30
Hav Papya, 9th Bo I	29
" Mardan Ali, 1st Bo. Gr	29
Sub Sayyed Hussain, 19th Bo I	29
Pte Felix De Souza, 8th Bo. I	28

MATCH 50.—Lieutnant-General's Prize.—The aggregate

WRITERS AND READERS.

A VERY well-kept secret has been the authorship of that remarkable book, The Open Question, by the writer of George Mandeville's Husband, The New Moon, and Below the Salt. It is very rare that four novels in succession, which attract attention, remain really anonymous, or rather, successfully pseudonymous. It is now stated positively in an American journal that C E Raimond is Miss Elizabeth Robins, the lady who has played Ibsen roles with so much distinction. We congratulate Miss Robins on her success in a second field.

There has been some gossip as to whether the Sirdar would be persuaded to write a book upon his career in Egypt. In that connection he is credited with the remark. No thanks; I shall remain a soldier. A story grows as it goes, and the latest version is, No, no; do let us have one general who has not written a book.

Mr. Austin Dobson is to give us another volume of papers, on the same lines as his Eighteenth Century Vignettes. It will be called Miscellanies, and will be published in the spring by Messrs Chatto. Some of the papers refer to that favourite period of Mr. Dobson's study, the eighteenth century, as for example one on Oliver Goldsmith. Others do not come within the century, though it is possible that they may reflect it. There are now three books of the Eighteenth Century Vignettes, a little library which keeps its popularity.

America will have two editions of the Bismarck memoirs, one in English, the other in German. The reason for this, of course, is that America has a very large population of Germans. It was thought that they might wish to read, in their native language, the recollections of the man whose policy probably sent a good many of them to America. The German edition, like the English one, being issued by the Messrs. Harper. As for the rest of the Bismarck memoirs, we are certainly not likely to see them during the life of the Emperor William.

The second portion of Lord Selborne's Memorials will be published by Messrs. Macmillan. Here the period between 1895 and 1895 is dealt with, and the field is enlarged to embrace political as well as family incidents in Lord Selborne's life. It appears from a note by Lady Sophia Palmer, who has arranged her father's memoirs, that Mr. Gladstone had a rule against the quotation of letters which he wrote. No doubt that meant letters to colleagues and contemporaries, but anyhow, in preparing these recollections Lord Selborne only gave a precis of his letters from Mr. Gladstone.

Mr. John Lane has two interesting books for publication within the next ten days. One is Mr. John Davidson's new volume of verse, The Last Ballad, and Other Poems, the other is Dream Days, by Mr. Kenneth Grahame, variations on the same air as his Golden Age. That volume of study-stories—if the description may be used—keeps up the popularity which it won on its appearance. In America, it is probably even more popular than here. Mr. Lane has a third book almost ready, namely, The Silence of Love, a group of sonnets by a new writer, Mr. Edmond Holmes.

Sir William White writes an introduction to a book bearing upon naval affairs which Mr. Murray will publish at once. It is an English translation by Mr. Leslie S. Robertson of M. Bertin's work on marine boilers. M. Bertin is Chief Constructor to the French Navy, in which the tubular boiler is now so largely used. Sir William White feels that the book is sure of a welcome from all who are interested in the production and use of steam power. He pays French engineers the tribute of saying that the use of tubular boilers they have shown remarkable courage and enterprise. Mr. Robertson has added a good deal of matter to the original work.

Two volumes of the English translation of Professor Blok's history of Holland will be published shortly by Messrs. Putnam. The professor was instructor in Dutch history to Queen Wilhelmina, who continued under his teaching until quite recently. On taking leave of his pupil he received from her hands the Order of the Netherland Lion. In this history Professor Blok has adopted the scheme which Green followed in respect to England. That is to say, he has aimed at writing a history of the people of the Netherlands rather than of their rules. He sketches the character, status, and development of the inhabitants of the different Netherland provinces, and shows how these became one nation.

The output of pretty Christmas books has been quite remarkable during the past month. A volume which no doubt comes under the heading is about to be published by Messrs. Kegan Paul. It is by Mr. Laurence Housman, is entitled The Field of Clover, and consists of fairy stories. There are twelve illustrations by the author, and the wood-blocks for these have been engraved by his sister, Miss Clemence Housman. Another member of the family, Mr. A. E. Housman, recently published the volume of verse, A Shropshire Lad, which has been attracting attention.

Mr. William Hyde's series of pictures, London Impressions, with essays by Mrs. Meynell, will be published on Monday by Messrs. Constable. In a preface Mr. Hyde has one or two interesting remarks on the making pictures of London. His chief motive has been to represent some of the salient aspects of the great city as it appears. He adds that, strange, as it may seem, details are very seldom to be seen. The actual impression which the eye receives is that more or less of a vision, resultant from the atmosphere peculiar to a city such as London. Compared with the famous towns of Europe, he holds it unique in this respect, and he is impressed by the large field of artistic material awaiting representation.

A book which Mr. Heinemann is just bringing out has the title Ten Days at Monte Carlo at the Bank's Expense. The writer is the Hon. Victor Bethell, a brother of Lord Westbury. Mr. Bethell lives near Monte Carlo, and in this volume he gives chatty guidance about the locality. Those who fight shy of the ordinary guide books may find his hints useful for a pleasant sojourn. Naturally he has a good deal to say of the institution for which Monte Carlo is most famous. He sets out no system, however, which promises more than is expressed in the title of the book.

Apropos of a note respecting Lewis Carroll, we may further add that a number of interesting literary relics of that distinguished writer will be sold at Sotheby's in three weeks' time. They are the author's own copies of The Hunting of the Snark, 1876; Alice' Adventures Underground, 1886; The Game of Logic, 1887 (and also the major portion of the original MS. of this), &c. Each of the printed books bears evidence of Lewis Carroll's passion for order, as it has an entry in his autograph such as, for example, C. L. D. received February 20, 1890. Some of the volumes have corrections or errata in his autograph.

Two novels are announced by Messrs. Chapman, namely, Until the Dawn, by Mrs. Walford, and Gosta Berling's Saga, a transistion from the Swedish of Selma Lagerlof. Messrs. Harper are just bringing out Mr. Marriott Watson's adventure story of the Welsh border, the Adventures; also Mr. Frank Stockton's novel the Associate Hermits, Mrs. Croker's story, Infatuation, which ran through the weekly edition of the "Times," under another title, will be published this month by Messrs. Chatto. It is a domestic story.

Sir Charles Dilke's volume, the British Empire, will be published by Messrs. Chatto. Another book to appear next week is the Complete Wagnerite of Mr. George Bernard Shaw, which Mr. Grant Richard is publishing. Messrs. Swan Sonnenschein are issuing a library of miniature name-books. The volumes ready, so far, concern female names. Each volume contains a history of the name, with examples of famous women who have borne it; also a diary or birthday book. A book by Dr. Richard Sisley on the question of London water supply will be published by the Scientific Press.

The December Chamber's, which takes the form of an "extra Christmas number," comprises besides the usual serial novel and miscellaneous articles, four complete stories written for the occasion by popular writers. Specially noticeable among the articles is Mrs. Molesworth's paper on "Story Reading and Story Writing," which, as the production of a distinguished and successful professor of the art, will probably tempt many young aspirants to try their hands. The author of "The Cuckoo-Clock" treats, as will be expected, in particular of children's stories, and all lovers of children will thank her for her protest against sad books for the young. Our story-book writers are somewhat apt to forget Shelley's beautiful lines:

It is unmeet
To shed on the brief flower of youth
The withering knowledge of the grave.

But there is another point, as will be seen in the following extract:—

Another quicksand to be avoided is the introduction, by way of heightening the interest and sensation of a story, of any frightening element. Unless one knows children intimately, or recalls minutely the experiences of one's own childish days, it would be difficult to believe how even a bright, healthy child may be the victim of nervous terrors. The most sensitive are often the most reserved, partly perhaps, from a not by any means contemptible feeling of pride, partly from that curious reticence of children, of which—for it often fades as they grow older and could themselves explain it—the root is difficult to discover. For you find it even in the happiest families where dread of their elders is non-existent, where sympathy is very far from an unknown quantity. Yet, again, a touch of mystery, inseparable from true poetic feeling, is sometimes—often, indeed—a great additional charm to even a very simple story, and surely a true element in all education.

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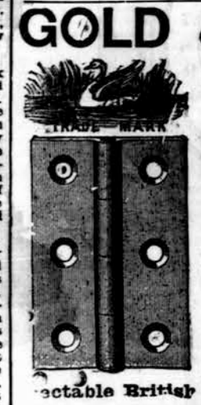
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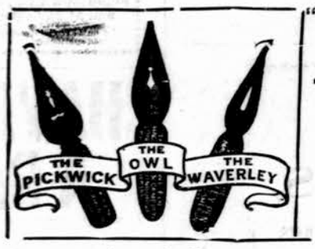

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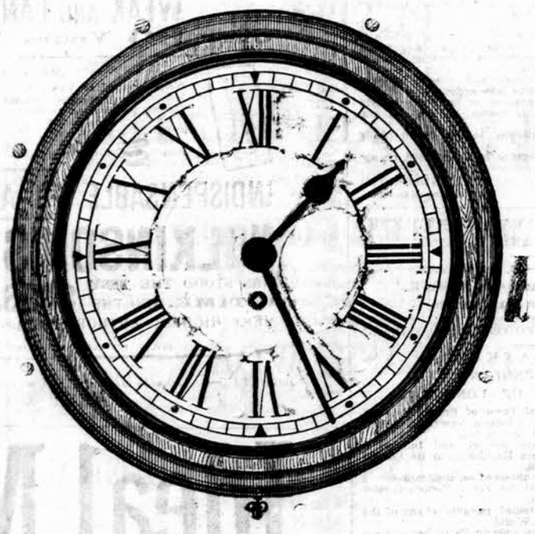

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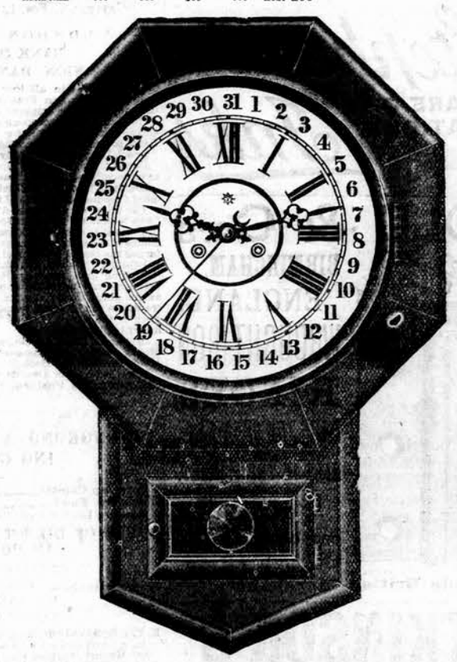

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